



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

Glorifying God by Knowing,
Living and Proclaiming
our Hope in Christ

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Sin and Addiction

Romans 7:6 - 8:2

JULY 12, 2026

Guest Pastor Mitchell Senti

Welcome!

Welcome to Hope in Christ Church. We are so glad
you have joined us today!
May God bless you as we worship together.

Order of Worship

Glorious Day

Welcome

Call to Worship

How High and How Wide

At the Cross

Confession & Assurance

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Prayer

Romans 7:6 - 8:2, Reader - Chidubem

Sermon: Sin and Addiction

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Benediction

Spirit Song

Today's Offering is for the General Fund.
There is a collection basket next to the sound booth.

Sermon Outline

Romans 7:6 - 8:2

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1. Sin is a living thing
2. The role of the law
3. Getting unstuck by Christ

God is Moving Mountains

In Pakistan, accusations of blasphemy can destroy lives in an instant. Sohail*, a Christian husband and father of four daughters, was living quietly in a rural village when his life suddenly changed. After leaving his cell phone unattended one day, a Muslim acquaintance allegedly used it to share content insulting the Prophet Muhammad. Villagers quickly accused Sohail, and within two days he was arrested and sentenced under Pakistan's controversial blasphemy laws. For many Christians in Pakistan, these laws create a constant atmosphere of fear.

Human rights organizations and international observers have long criticized the legislation, noting that accusations often require little evidence and are frequently used to settle personal disputes. Those accused can face life imprisonment, violence, or even death.

While Sohail remained in prison, his family lost everything. Without an income or support from relatives, his wife and daughters were forced from their home and left struggling to survive.

Local ICR partners helped Sohail's family relocate to safety, provided financial support for rent and food, and secured legal representation for his case. Over the next two years, a Christian lawyer fought tirelessly for Sohail's release and in August 2022, Sohail was finally acquitted and reunited with his family. They have not returned to their village.

Blasphemy accusations continue to affect vulnerable Christian communities across Pakistan, particularly among those with limited education and economic opportunity. Many believers live with the awareness that a false accusation could come at any time. Even in these difficult circumstances, local churches and ministry partners continue providing practical aid, legal support, discipleship, and encouragement to persecuted believers who have nowhere else to turn.

How to Pray:

1. Lord, we pray for believers who are living under pressure. Please provide them with daily courage and endurance.
2. Lord, we pray for believers who've been displaced or isolated due to persecution. Help them obtain the resources they need.
3. Lord, please reveal yourself to the Pakistani people so more may come to know and love you.

For More Information Visit:

<https://christianresponse.org/news/pakistan-blasphemy-laws/>

Announcements

BABY GIFT BOXES: Ezinne and Mattea are both expecting a baby in July. Would you like to join in their excitement and shower them with a blessing? A box for each family will be on the table by the sound booth through *today*. Items that fit through the slit in the lid can be placed in each box: a prayer card of welcome, note of blessing, gift card, cash or a check. Please write checks directly to the family, not to HCC (Chidubem and Ezinne Uchefuna, Peter and Mattea Fast).

MEET THE SOUTHARDS: Pastor Will's candidacy sermon will be on *July 19*. Then, during the Deep Dive time, there will be an opportunity to formally ask questions and get to know Pastor Will and his wife, Sophia. Also on July 19, you're invited to informally connect with Pastor Will and Sophia at our church picnic.

BIRCH BAY PICNIC: *Sunday, July 19* is our annual church picnic at Birch Bay State Park. Come as early as **2pm**. We'll eat around **5pm**. Leave when you must or stay until the park closes at **dusk**. Brats, buns and condiments will be provided. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Bring friends, lawn chairs, your own beverages and your appetite. ***Do you have a grill that can be used? Please let the deacons know.***

PRAYER PARTNERS: If you're both present, take time after the service to connect with your prayer partner while enjoying a snack together.

CRAFTING TIME: Darlys is hosting 'Crafting with Friends' on Saturday, July 18 from 8am—10pm in the foyer. Turn fun crafting ideas into reality while enjoying time with others. Or skip the crafts and enjoy the fellowship. Bring your own lunch. Dinner (Chicken Enchiladas) is at 6pm. Text/call Darlys with questions or to register.

BULLETIN BOARD: Check out the new bulletin board over the bookshelf by the stairs: a place to share opportunities and events. The office reserves the right to remove items as necessary.

Hospitality for Sunday, July 19, 2026

Set-up: Cain **Serve:** Cain **Clean-up:** Needed

Servants for Sunday, July 19, 2026

Greeters: Clair, Hildred **Scripture Reader:** Damon
Foyer Monitor: Clair **Prayer Room:** Needed

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