



HOPE^{IN}CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

I Am the LORD

Exodus 6:1-9

JULY 19, 2026

Guest Pastor Will Southard

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

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Welcome

Call to Worship

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Goodness of God

Confession & Assurance

He Will Hold Me Fast

Prayer

Exodus 6:1-9, Reader - Damon

Sermon: I Am the LORD

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction

Our God Will Go Before Us



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

Sermon Outline

Exodus 6:1-9

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1. The LORD Reveals

2. The LORD Promises

3. The LORD Remains

God is Moving Mountains

Many new believers in Mauritania are eager to learn the Bible but have little access to Christian teaching or discipleship resources. Because of this, trusted leaders spend significant time walking alongside young Christians and helping them grow in faith.

The pressure believers face is not always violent, but it is constant. Converts may lose jobs, face threats from relatives, or become isolated from their communities. Some are forced to choose between outward conformity and personal safety. Others quietly endure rejection while continuing to follow Christ faithfully.

And yet, there is joy.

Mauritanian believers can be described as courageous, steady, and deeply committed to prayer. Even in isolation, many continue sharing their faith carefully with others. Some believers meet seekers privately to answer questions about Jesus and read Scripture together. Others quietly care for vulnerable families and neighbors in practical ways that reflect Christ's love. Practical compassion often opens doors where words cannot. When Christians help families during hardship, care for children, or support people in crisis, others begin asking questions.

"We know that nothing good comes from those in power. Why are you different?" one person asked after receiving help from believers.

Moments like these create opportunities for quiet witness.

For many believers, faith is not theoretical. It shapes every part of daily life. Following Jesus requires wisdom, patience, and courage. Yet there is a healthy growth among underground fellowships and a growing hunger for God's Word.

The Church may be small and hidden, but it is alive.

How to Pray:

1. Lord, please grant the pastors and local ministry leaders wisdom, courage, and protection as they care for your people.
2. Lord, we pray that the underground fellowships in Mauritania would continue to grow and mature in your Word.
3. Lord, help those seeking you to find trusted believers to encourage and disciple them.

For More Information Visit:

<https://christianresponse.org/news/faith-hidden-not-silent/>

Announcements

MEET THE SOUTHARDS: Pastor Will's candidacy sermon is today. After the service, grab a coffee and return to the sanctuary for an opportunity to formally ask questions and get to know Pastor Will and his wife, Sophia. They also plan to attend our BBQ at Birch Bay this afternoon to share more time getting acquainted in an informal setting.

BIRCH BAY PICNIC: *Today* 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. Also, if you have one, please bring a **canopy for shade**.

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.

HELP VICTIMS OF VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKES: Two powerful earthquakes devastated communities in Venezuela on June 24. World Renew is working with local organizations to respond, meeting urgent needs for families who have lost their homes or can't access clean water and sanitation. You or your church can help share Christ's hope with survivors by giving at worldrenew.net/venezuela-earthquake, by calling (800) 552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew with "Venezuela Earthquake" in the memo line to World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Drive SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

CLAIM YOUR DISH: Missing storage containers, dishes, or maybe a skein of yarn? Look on top of the snack shelves and the refrigerators in the foyer to claim any items that belong to you.

Hospitality for Sunday, July 26, 2026

Set-up: Needed

Serve: Needed

Clean-up: Needed

Servants for Sunday, July 26, 2026

Greeters: Darryl

Scripture Reader: Mike

Foyer Monitor: Jack

Prayer Room: Needed

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