



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Three Questions from Jesus

Revelation 1:4-8

JULY 26, 2026

Guest Pastor Jim Visbeek

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

Only a Holy God

Welcome

Call to Worship

Is He Worthy

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Apostles' Creed

Holy Spirit Living Breath of God

Prayer

Revelation 1:4-8, Reader - Jay

Sermon: Three Questions from Jesus

It is Well (When Peace Like a River)

Benediction

To God Be the Glory

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

Sermon Outline

Revelation 1:4-8

Three Questions from Jesus

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1. Can I trust Him?
2. Does He have the power to help me?
3. Will He take care of my future?
4. What do these 3 questions from Jesus mean for your future?

God is Moving Mountains

Syria was once known for religious tolerance, relative to most nations in the Middle East. Christians, who have historically made up about 10 percent of the population, have significantly decreased in number since the outset of the civil war that began in 2011.

Caught in the crossfire in this brutal conflict between Muslim factions, believers have been abused and attacked from all sides. More than 750,000 Christians have been driven from the country. The churches and believers who remain in Syria have served as a beacon of hope and a source of peace for both Christians and Muslims throughout the war. Many Muslims have come to Christ as Christians have reached out with acts of compassion and practical assistance. Since the fall of the government of Bashar al-Assad in 2025, reports that neighboring countries may send Syrian refugees back to Syria gave believers hope that those who came to faith in nearby countries will return and strengthen local churches.

However, in recent years Syrian Christians have faced the same restrictions and opposition that are common in the region's more restricted Islamist nations. Islamist groups continue their efforts to drive Christians out of Syria through acts of hostility, persecution and violence. While Muslim communities, in general, can be hostile to Christians, severe persecution usually comes from the Islamist groups. Recent attacks on Christians have heightened fears, leaving the Christian community uncertain about its future, particularly in light of overt signs and acts of Islamization under the current government. Churches struggle to meet the needs of the overwhelming number of displaced people. Still, some Christians have chosen to stay in the country to serve as a witness for Christ, despite the danger and harsh conditions.

How to Pray:

1. Lord, as many of your people in Syria live with constant uncertainty, help them to lean on you as their Rock eternal.
2. Lord, we pray that Syrian converts from Islam would find love and fellowship even when they are rejected by family and friends.
3. Lord, help churches and believers in Syria to be beacons of hope and sources of peace.

For More Information Visit:

[https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/syria/?
_source_code=WP26GPG2](https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/syria/?_source_code=WP26GPG2)

Announcements

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.

THANK YOU: To our HICC family, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the amazing gifts, prayers, and good wishes as we prepare to welcome our baby into our growing family. We thank God for the opportunity to worship in your midst and may HE continue to enrich you and your family with more blessings devoid of sorrows in Jesus name, Amen. From the Uchefunas.

MEETING & VOTE AUGUST 9: Please stay after our worship service on Sunday, August 9 for a congregational meeting. We will have a short discussion, vote on whether or not to extend a call to Will Southard, and learn about what the next steps for HICC will be.

BIRCH BAY BBQ: Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun at the Birch Bay BBQ. A great time was had by all!

HELP CHCC RESIDENT ATTEND FAIR: The Christian Health Care Center in Lynden is looking for volunteers to accompany residents to the Northwest Washington Fair on Aug. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission ticket is included. To volunteer for this group outing led by CHCC's recreation team, call Kari by Aug. 10. For more information, visit <https://chcclynden.org/nwwa-fair-2026>.

DRIVER TO MIDWEST NEEDED: A local pastoral intern is looking for someone to drive a 2014 Toyota Prius to the Midwest (the closer to Indiana/Ohio the better) in the next couple of weeks. Gas and \$100 for food would be paid for. Because it is a small car, there is not much room to transport personal items. To help out or for more information, contact Jonathan

Hospitality for Sunday, August 2, 2026

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

Servants for Sunday, August 2, 2026

Greeters: Jerry, Faye

Scripture Reader: Philip

Foyer Monitor: Joe

Prayer Room: Needed

Communion Prep: Hildred, Rachel

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