



HOPE^{IN}CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

A Good Kind of Different

John 20:19-22 & 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

AUGUST 2, 2026

Guest Pastor Mike Cunningham

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

Come People of the Risen King

Welcome

Call to Worship

O Church Arise

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Prayer

John 20:19-22 & 2 Corinthians 3:12-18, Reader - Philip

Sermon: A Good Kind of Different

Communion

It Was Finished Upon that Cross

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Benediction

Our God Will Go Before Us



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

Sermon Outline

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God is Moving Mountains

Since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, evangelical churches in Iran have faced increasing restrictions, property confiscations, and limitations on ministry. Churches that once held Persian-language services have steadily disappeared, making it increasingly difficult for Muslim-background believers to gather openly for worship and discipleship. According to a joint 2026 report by Article18, Open Doors, Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), and Middle East Concern, arrests and legal pressure against Christians have increased in recent years.

The international Christian community has also expressed concern. On June 18, the World Council of Churches issued a statement expressing “profound sorrow and deep concern” over the demolition in Mashhad (a historical evangelical church building) and the reported pressure surrounding St. Peter Evangelical Church (as Iranian authorities want to seize it). The organization called on Iranian authorities to halt any confiscation of church property and urged the international community to advocate for Iran’s Christian minority.

Despite these challenges, the Church in Iran continues to endure.

Believers continue meeting, discipling one another, and faithfully following Christ, often under significant pressure. While buildings may be threatened, the gospel continues to transform lives, and the Church remains a witness to God’s faithfulness throughout the country.

How to Pray:

1. Lord, please provide wisdom for Christian organizations and international leaders advocating for religious freedom.
2. Lord, may your Spirit continue to move through the people in Iran causing the hope of your gospel to spread despite opposition.
3. Lord, strengthen your people in Iran that they may remain steadfast in their faith and encouraged in Christ.

For More Information Visit:

<https://christianresponse.org/news/iran-historic-protestant-churches-face-new-pressure/>

Announcements

TODAY'S PASTOR: This morning we welcome Mike Cunningham, who will be bringing God's word to us. Mike is a missionary at Streetcorners Ministries in the Bulkley Valley, BC. He also is Herm Laninga's son-in-law.

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.

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER COMING SOON: Family Life's Weekend to Remember marriage conference dates for 2026 are Oct. 23-25. BOGO (Buy One, Get One) registration dates are Aug. 31-Sept. 21, which gives you time to pray about, talk over, and plan to attend the conference at Semiahmoo Resort. Check out Family Life's website (<https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/>) or call Marlin or Nellie for more information. When registering during BOGO dates for extra savings, use group name MandNVanderKooi .

SECOND CHANCE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: The Second Chance Thrift Store is looking for dedicated volunteers to serve once a week or twice a month all year long. Most shifts are three hours per week. To be part of the fun and dedicated volunteer team, contact Volunteer Coordinator Rachel Hernes at rhernes@lynchs.org. All profits made at the Second Chance Thrift Store go to offset tuition costs at Lynden Christian School.

BIBLICAL STUDY TOUR TO ITALY: Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for an inspirational tour of Italy on April 12-22. Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral, the impressive monuments of ancient Rome, Hadrian's Villa, Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius, the spectacular Amalfi Coast, and much more. Contact Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Hospitality for Sunday, August 9, 2026

Set-up: Needed

Serve: Lorraine, Tena

Clean-up: Tena

Servants for Sunday, August 9, 2026

Greeters: Mike, Diane

Scripture Reader: Needed

Foyer Monitor: Jay

Prayer Room: Needed

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