



HOPE^{IN}CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The King of Glory!

Psalm 24

AUGUST 16, 2026

Guest Pastor Bill Richardson

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

Almighty, Most Holy God

Welcome

Call to Worship

I Will Sing

Thou Art Worthy

Confession & Assurance

Not What My Hands Have Done

Prayer

Psalm 24

Sermon: The King of Glory!

How Great Thou Art

Benediction

Ancient of Days



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

Sermon Outline

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God is Moving Mountains

Comoros is among the poorest nations in the world, with fewer than 1 million people and few economic and educational opportunities. Comorians have no religious freedom, and leaving Islam is illegal. Nearly 99 percent of Comorians are Sunni Muslims.

Sharing the gospel and discipling new believers is highly restricted and can lead to expulsion for foreigners and brief imprisonments for locals. For example, when five believers hosted a Christian debate in a private residence, they were imprisoned upon their discovery. Prison terms are generally short, and treatment of Christians is usually left to the discretion of local village leaders. The strongest deterrent to becoming a Christian is societal pressure. Those who leave Islam to follow Christ are usually ostracized by their family and community.

Some Christian organizations are allowed to operate, but they are strictly monitored and restricted to humanitarian projects. Despite these challenges, the gospel continues to spread inside the country. Believers must meet in small groups and can share their faith only through one-on-one relationships. When they gather to read their Bibles or speak about their faith, they risk persecution.

Translating the Bible into the native languages has been slow and difficult, with only portions of the Scripture available after more than a decade of work. Most Comorian believers have digital versions of these translated portions on their smartphones.

How to Pray:

1. Lord, grant understanding and insight to those translating the bible into the Comorian native languages that the tasks may be completed.
2. Lord, we pray the Comorian Christians faith would be strengthened so they can stand strong despite arrest or pressure from family members.
3. Lord, may your Holy Spirit open the eyes of key people in power to your truth, that they may affect change in the nation that brings you glory.

For More Information Visit:

https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/comoros/?_source_code=WP26GPG2

Announcements

TODAY'S PASTOR: Today we welcome Pastor Bill Richardson.

Originally from Scotland, he has pastored a church in Pullman, WA and currently is the Director at the Light of the World Prayer Center.

SUNDAY PRAYER TIME: Changes are being made to the Sunday morning prayer time. It will now be from 9:30-9:50am, upstairs from the lobby, before our worship service. Everyone is welcome.

SPECIAL OFFERING AUGUST 23: The Deacons are calling for a special offering on August 23rd for Venezuela through World Renew. All cash offerings that day and any designated checks will be sent to World Renew for disaster relief. Please write checks to Hope in Christ Church. For more information visit www.worldrenew.org.

MEMORIAL FOR DAVE: A memorial will be held on Friday, August 21 at 10am for Dave Ahrenholz at HCC.

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

FAITH FORMATION TIP: God invited His people Israel to model the kind of radical curiosity that recognized the image of God in every human being. For the most part, Israel had little success being curious about others, instead making their own lives their top priority. Their lack of curiosity blocked their ability to see their neighbors in the image of God. Still, the Lord kept His promise to make something out of them for the purpose of being a light of grace and blessing to all other peoples (Gen. 12:2-3). This week, reflect on whom God has been asking you to be curious about. Reach out to those people whom God places on your heart, seeking to learn more about them and their life. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive.

Hospitality for Sunday, August 23, 2026

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

Servants for Sunday, August 23, 2026

Greeters: Darryl **Scripture Reader:** Mike
Foyer Monitor: Mike **Prayer Room:** David

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