



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Widow's Mite

Mark 12:43-44 & Luke 21:1-4

AUGUST 23, 2026

Guest Pastor Jashuva Kattafverapu

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 Now is the Time to Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

As the Deer

O Great God

Confession & Assurance

Come Let Us Return to the Lord

Prayer

Mark 12:43-44 & Luke 21:1-4, Reader - Mike

Sermon: The Widow's Mite

Let Your Kingdom Come

Benediction

May the Peace of God



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

Islam originated in Saudi Arabia approximately 1,400 years ago, and the religion's founder, Muhammad, declared that no other religion should exist on the Arabian Peninsula. Saudi Arabia is also home to the Islamic city of Mecca, where pilgrims journey to complete their Hajj, one of the religion's five pillars. Because of its prominence in Islam, Saudi Arabia has long been foundational to both the Islamic faith and Islamic extremism. Nearly all Saudi nationals are Sunni Muslims, with a small population of Shiites. Because of the many foreign workers in the country, 4 percent of the population is Christian.

Saudi Arabia is one of the world's most restricted and difficult environments for Christians, especially those who convert from Islam. One church has been allowed for foreign Christian workers, but no other churches are permitted. However, in recent years, the government led by Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman Al Saud has begun a process of modernizing the nation, creating a new openness to American and Western European tourists and businesses. The government's reforms have included limits on the activity of its oppressive "religious police" and relaxed laws that have long restricted women's freedom to work and travel. Still, conversions from Islam are considered apostasy by law and are punishable by death. But Saudis who convert are more likely to be killed by family members than to be imprisoned or otherwise punished by the government.

Many Saudis have come to know Christ through digital media, travel abroad and exposure to faithful Christians inside and outside the country. Some Saudis are disillusioned by Islam and are more open to the gospel than ever before. While many are working to reach locals with the gospel, many more workers are needed.

How to Pray:

1. Lord, cause an openness to the gospel to grow amongst the people of Saudi Arabia, allowing faith in you to flourish in the country.
2. Lord, provide more Christian workers to reach Saudis with the gospel.
3. Lord, protect the new Christians who are threatened by family and community members. May their testimony draw more people to you.

For More Information Visit:

https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/saudi-arabia/?_source_code=WP26GPG2

Announcements

GUEST PASTOR: Today we welcome Jashuva Kattafverapu. Jashuva leads House of the Lord Ministries in a small village in India where they serve unbelievers, the 'untouchables', HIV/AIDS affected families, widows/elderly, and semi-orphans/orphans. They run after school programs, provide medical care, and they are church planters. Their desire is to win souls for Christ the Savior in unreached places so the gospel continues to spread.

SPECIAL OFFERING AUGUST 23: The Deacons have called for a special offering TODAY for Venezuela through World Renew. All cash offerings 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.

AMOR VIVIENTE: Amor Viviente is having a baptism service at the lake today and will not be meeting on our campus.

BACKGROUND CHECK / SAFE CHURCH: All those who are on council, or who help with Sunday School, GEMS, and/or Friendship are required to sign a Personal Disclosure form for the annual background check to be completed, and sign a statement of agreement to our Safe Church Policy. Copies of these forms can be found on the counter in the church office and attached to the Friday announcement email. Please hand in completed forms to Tanya.

MISSION TRIP: Pastor Scott and Elisha are going on a 10-day mission trip to Japan in October. They are looking for prayer and financial support. A letter with details was attached to the Friday email and is available from Tanya by request.

COLUMBIAN EARTHQUAKE: Erika Quinto, the person who oversees our ministry house, has family and friends who were directly affected by the Colombian earthquake and she is raising money to help them. See the attachment on the Friday email for more details.

Hospitality for Sunday, August 30, 2026

Set-up: Ida **Serve:** Ida **Clean-up:** Ida

Servants for Sunday, August 30, 2026

Greeters: Clair, Hildred

Scripture Reader: Mike

Foyer Monitor: Rachel

Prayer Room: Needed

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