



HOPE^{IN}CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Secret to a Fulfilled Life

1 John 2:1-6

SEPTEMBER 20, 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

Your Majesty

Welcome

Call to Worship

Indescribable

Jesus Paid it All

Look to the Lamb

Confession & Assurance

Look to the Lamb (Chorus)

Prayer

1 John 2:1-6

Sermon: The Secret to a Fulfilled Life

Abide

Benediction

How Marvelous



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

Sermon Outline

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The Secret to a Fulfilled Life

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1. The Biblical Call to Obedience (Vs 3)
 - * Obedience is the willingness to have our will crossed by the will of God.

2. The Reason for Obedience (Vs 3-5)

3. The Content of Obedience (vs 3)
 - * God's word is our final authority.

4. Developing the Reflex of Obedience (1 Tim 4:8)

5. So, What is the Secret to a Fulfilled Life?

God is Moving Mountains

Three majority-Muslim groups in modern-day Iraq have been in conflict for centuries. Iraq's Christian population has suffered severely at the hands of Islamists, decreasing from more than 1.2 million to fewer than 300,000 as the country has suffered from continual war and instability for more than two decades.

A small but bold and faithful remnant remains. For many of these Iraqi Christians, day-to-day life is focused on survival, and yet they faithfully work to advance the gospel. Many of Iraq's Muslims have rejected Islam and become open to Christ for a variety of reasons, including the corruption and violence rampant among both radical Sunni Muslims and Shiites. These circumstances provide a unique opportunity to share the gospel with Iraqis searching for hope and truth. The violence and instability have also led to a revival among traditional Christians, many of whom have come to saving faith and become bold witnesses for Christ.

Northern Iraq is still home to many Christians, who have a degree of freedom to worship even though they are under Islamist threat. Christians in other parts of the nation, especially those who are converts from Islam, are under continual threat. Christian converts from Islam are abused and rejected by their families. In addition, they may be abducted, killed or persecuted by clan or tribe members, government authorities or extremist groups.

ISIS and other Islamist groups destroyed every copy of God's Word they could find, but because of the work of Bible societies and missions organizations, many Christians in Iraq have their own Bible.

How to Pray:

1. Lord, open the spiritual eyes of the Iraqis, who are surrounded by darkness, that they may find everlasting hope and truth in you.
2. Lord, comfort and bring healing to those wounded in Islamist attacks. May you become their strength and peace.
3. Lord, we praise you for supplying new copies of your Word for Iraqi Christians to learn and grow from after the Islamists destroyed all the copies they could find.

For More Information Visit:

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

Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL / DEEP DIVE: Join us as we seek to learn and grow in faith together during our Sunday School and Deep Dive classes, starting around 11:15am (after our worship service and time of refreshments).

NEW REFRESHMENT PROTOCOL: The hospitality team is making changes to having goodies on Sundays. Please see Tuesday's email or the attachment to the Friday announcement email for details. Contact the office or Ruth if you have questions.

NEW OFFERING COLLECTION BOX: Our offering basket has been replaced with a new offering collection box, located next to the sound booth. Thank you for your continued generosity and for faithfully supporting the ministries of HCC. With gratitude, The Deacon Team.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Women's Bible Study will be starting up on September 23rd. We'll be studying the book of ACTS this year. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:45 am in the HCC lobby. Contact Faye as soon as possible if you'd like to join so enough books can be ordered (about \$10 each). We look forward to having you join us for Bible study, discussion and fellowship.

ATTENTION TEAM LEADERS: The deacons are preparing to set the budget for next year and they need your input! Please submit your budget request for the next year no later than September 30th, 2026. Thank you so much for your continued dedication to growing God's kingdom! Budget requests can be submitted to this email:

treasurer@hopeinchristchurch.org

HELP KEEP NEIGHBORS WARM: The Deacons invite you to join them in the *Interfaith Coalition's 2026 Winter Coat Drive*! Please donate new or gently used, freshly laundered coats. All sizes are welcome with a particular need for XL, XXL, XXXL and children's sizes. Please bring your coats to church by Sunday, September 27. Thank you!

Servants for Sunday, September 27, 2026

Greeters: Chidubem

Scripture Reader: Mike

Foyer Monitor: Joe

Prayer Room: Needed

Hospitality for Sunday, September 27, 2026

Provide: Hildred

Set-up: Needed

Serve: Needed

Clean-up: Needed

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