



HOPE^{IN}CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Gospel Message for Our House

Philemon 1-3

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Pastor Mitchell Senti

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

King of Kings

Welcome

Call to Worship

Good and Gracious King

Look to the Lamb

Confession & Assurance

Refiner's Fire

Prayer

Philemon 1-3, Reader — Mike

Sermon: The Gospel Message for Our House

Build Your Kingdom Here

Benediction

My Friends May You Grow in Grace



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

Sermon Outline

Philemon 1-3

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1. Introduction in Context

2. Who we are

3. Who it is for

4. What the Gospel is

God is Moving Mountains

The Maldives is one of the most restricted nations in the world, with fewer than 30 known indigenous believers. The country's oppressive anti-Christian government and culture make it one of the world's most challenging regions for Christian work. The Maldivian government seeks to eliminate or greatly minimize outside influences that could affect its citizens' cultural identity, which includes complete commitment to Islam.

Even though many Maldivians have little knowledge of Islam, all Maldivians are officially required to be Sunni Muslims, and the government enforces this rule without exception.

Any Maldivian who follows Christ faces imprisonment in attempts to pressure them to renounce Christ and return to Islam, and they are usually forced to leave their homes and perhaps even the country to ensure that every Maldivian remains a Muslim. In addition to government persecution, Maldivian society is aligned with the country's commitment. Seekers and converts receive tremendous pressure from their families and communities. Small, close-knit island communities enable the government to maintain tight control over the population.

It is illegal to import Bibles, but some Maldivians access Scripture through the internet. Translation of the Bible into Dhivehi, the main language of the Maldives, is ongoing, but the work has been difficult and slow because of the small number of Christian converts who are able and willing to help with translation.

How to Pray:

1. Lord, we pray that the gospel would advance across the Maldives through creative methods.
2. Lord, strengthen the few known indigenous believers that they may stay strong in Christ, despite facing imprisonment or expulsion if/when they are identified as your followers.
3. Lord, with your power, thwart the Maldivian government's efforts to eradicate Christianity from the Maldives. Instead, cause the number of indigenous people who follow you continue to increase.

For More Information Visit:

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

Announcements

SERMON SERIES: Today Pastor Mitchell is beginning a new sermon series titled “Making Disciples Who Make Disciples.” Our guest pastors this month will also take part in this series. A manual called “Raised” goes with the series and was attached to the Friday announcement email to be read as we allow God to speak to us and teach us over the coming weeks . Please contact the office if you’d like a paper copy of “Raised” printed for you.

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 after our worship service and refreshments, around 11:15am.

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.

ATTENTION TEAM LEADERS: Budget requests for the 2027 budget are due this week Wednesday, September 30th, 2026. Thank you so much for your continued dedication to growing God’s kingdom! Budget requests can be submitted to this email:

HELP KEEP NEIGHBORS WARM: Today is the last day to donate new or gently used & freshly laundered coats towards *Interfaith Coalition’s 2026 Winter Coat Drive!* Please place your coat donations in the box by the entrance in the church lobby. Thank you!

COMBINED REFORMATION DAY SERVICE: Come and bring your family and friends to the Reformation Day Service at First CRC in *Mount Vernon on Sunday, October 25, at 6:30 PM.* See details in the Friday announcement email.

Servants for Sunday, October 4, 2026

Greeters: Jerry, Faye

Scripture Reader: Needed

Foyer Monitor: Jay

Prayer Room: Needed

Communion Prep: Diane, Sarah, Katie

Hospitality for Sunday, October 4, 2026

Provide: Jenn, Pat

Serve: Needed

Clean-up: Jerry, Faye

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