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**GREETERS & COFFEE SERVERS**

*(After the morning service)*

TODAY: 1B – Paul & Lora V

MAY 5: YOUTH SERVING

**SOUND/PROJECTION**

TODAY: Kent Z & Tricia H

MAY 5: Ian H & Teigen DK

**NURSERY**

TODAY: AM - Kristi S, Nicole VDZ,  
Bentley VK, Tyson H

PM - Kristi TP, Aralyn H

MAY 5: AM - Paula O, Maliyah DB,  
Matthew V, Jackson VH

PM – No evening service here

\*If you are unable to be in nursery, you are responsible to find your own replacement. (If in high school find another high schooler, and if in grade school find another grade schooler) This is important so we can meet our safe church policies. Thank you!

**USHERS** Today: Aldie A, Scott B, Jacob V.      MAY: Mark F, Justin H, Jim E

**CHILDREN & WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Children (3yrs old – PK) will be dismissed for C & W following the prayer of confession Your child(ren) will meet the helpers in the back of the sanctuary and walk together to the classroom. Please pick up your child(ren) at Room 9 after the service. If your child is not ready to participate right when they turn three, they are welcome to join anytime throughout the year. To avoid distractions during our worship time, please have your child(ren) leave their personal belongings with you. We ask that your child is potty trained before they attend class. If this is a concern for you, please talk to Rachel Verwolf and she will work with you to make a plan that is best for your child.

TODAY: #38 Jesus is Risen (pg 196)

Helpers: Linzie, Ella, Mandy

MAY 5: #42 Ascension (Pg 207)

Helpers: Kristi S, Miranda, Deb

**OFFERING SCHEDULE**

*Offerings can be mailed to: Hope CRC, PO Box 580, Hull, IA 51239*

TODAY: AM 1<sup>st</sup> – General Fund      2<sup>nd</sup> – GEMS      PM – Vacation Bible School

MAY 5: AM 1<sup>st</sup> – General Fund      2<sup>nd</sup> – Hope Youth Group      PM – Western Christian

***Hope Council Members 2023-2024***

ELDERS: Dar Boer, Dan Bosma, Joe Dirksen, Shawn De Stigter, Heath Oostenink, Randy Ten Pas, Cal Van Der Zwaag  
DEACONS: Matt Boer, Brian Fykstra, Drew Heynen, Matt Roetman, Mike Van Otterloo, Scott West

# Hope Christian Reformed Church



*Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.  
Proverbs 3:5-6*

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**April 28, 2024**  
Morning Service 9:30am  
Evening Service 6:00pm

# Welcome to Hope Christian Reformed Church!

- ❖ You may view our Sunday church services on YouTube beginning at 9:25 am and 5:55 pm and anytime thereafter.
- ❖ Nursery is available for ages 0-2yrs during the morning and evening services.
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship takes place after the morning service.
- ❖ We have Sunday School for grades K–12 immediately following the service (Sept – April).
- ❖ Please send bulletin announcements to [hopecrchullsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopecrchullsecretary@gmail.com) by Thursday morning.
- ❖ If you would like to receive church emails, please contact [hopecrchullsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopecrchullsecretary@gmail.com)
- ❖ If you have any prayer requests, email them to [hopecrchull@gmail.com](mailto:hopecrchull@gmail.com) or contact Pastor Keith or another elder.
- ❖ If you wish to use the church building for an event, please contact the office secretary, Janine Christensen by email: [hopecrchullsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopecrchullsecretary@gmail.com) with the details. Thank you.

## WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome you to worship this week. We are glad you are worshipping with us.

In the morning we continue our series "From Outside In" as together we journey through the book of Ruth. In this journey we will open our Bibles to Ruth 3:1-6. In this account of the life of Ruth, we recognize patient obedience to the instructions that Naomi gives to her, we will ask ourselves what does patient obedience look like in our lives?

In the evening we invite you to join us as we continue our evening series, looking together at the Sermon on the Mount, the teaching of Jesus that is recorded for us in Mathew, opening God's Word to Matthew 6:25-34. In this portion of the Sermon on the Mount we find Jesus' encouragement to live without worry in our lives, how is it that we live lives without worry?

We praise God that He has called us to worship Him in joy and in fellowship!

## PRAYER TIME

*We invite you to join us for a time of prayer and sweet communication with God. On Thursday's from 2pm – 7pm, come and pray for each other, our church, our community, our country, and our world. You are welcome to pray in the sanctuary, pray around the church, pray in the classrooms, pray with others, pray by yourself, or pray with Pastor Keith. Let us take humble posture in prayer, be purposeful in our prayer, and embrace the promises we have from God in prayer.*

## THIS WEEK

**Council** will meet on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> for monthly meetings.

**Youth Group** will meet on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm to practice for the Youth Sunday Service

**Justice for All:** We will be sorting clothes on Thursday May 2. If you would like to help and are willing to drive or need a ride. Call Jean at 439-2548.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Sunday** will take place on May 5<sup>th</sup> in the morning. This is a service led by our highschoolers.

**Hope CRC and First CRC** will have a combined evening service at First CRC on Sunday, **May 5 @ 6:00pm** with the WCHS Chamber Singers.

**GRADUATES:** If you are graduating this year from 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, High School, Trade School, or College, please email your information to [hopecrchullsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopecrchullsecretary@gmail.com) along with a picture, by **Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**. We will be celebrating our graduates on May 19<sup>th</sup> during the morning service.

**BRIDAL SHOWER** for Madisen Dreesen (marrying Troy Bakker). Please join us for a shower on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm here at Hope. The couple is in the "Wedding Registry" on Amazon.com

**MUCH GRATITUDE!** Jan Van Soelen and Marion give much gratitude to God for healing and to all members of Hope CRC for prayers, cards, meals, visits, and other expressions of kindness. Many thanks! Jan was discharged from Home Health this week and will continue with therapy in the clinics.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came Tuesday evening to help with the Hope workday. Thanks for the skid loader from Art's electric and the payloader and new rock from Boer & Sons. All your sore muscles are very appreciated. (Mary & Ole Lund)

## HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS

- We pray for those who have ongoing health concerns for which they are seeking healing and relief.
- We pray for all of those who are continuing with treatment for cancer.
- We rejoice and continue to pray for those who are recovering from surgery.
- Pray for those who mourn, who have lost those whom they loved and miss.
- Pray for all who are struggling with an addiction, emotional hurt, depression, anxiety, and mental illness.
- Pray for our families, our marriages, that God would strengthen them, guide them, and be honored in them.
- Pray for those who cannot join us in worship, that they would be comforted and feel close to the congregation, including Bill Heynen who is at Crown Pointe.
- We pray for those serving our communities in law enforcement, emergency services, fire department, and those who serve our country in the armed forces.

## Evening Worship Service

Leading Worship: Pastor Keith Hoekstra ~ Accompanist: Avery Verhoef

### God Prepares our Hearts for Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hope Family Favorite Song Selected by: The Wiersma Family

\*By Faith - (Song Sheet by Keith and Kristyn Getty)

“We love singing songs that our kids have learned in school! It is so fun listening to all the school age kids sing along.”

Hebrews 11:1-2 “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for”

Psalm 145:13- “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.”

### God Draws Us to Himself

\*Call to Worship

\*God’s Greeting

\*Profession of Faith - Our World Belongs to God #5 & #6

Congregational prayer

### God Speaks to Us through His Word

\*Song of Preparation: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” (PH 435 1 - 4)

Scripture Passage: Matthew 6:25-34 -

Prayer of Preparation

Message: *Surrendered to Sovereignty*

Prayer of Application

### God Sends Us to Serve and Bless

Offering given for God’s Work

\*Song of Application: “Take My Life and Let It Be” (PH 288 1,2,5 &6 )

\*God’s Blessing

\*Closing Song: “Send Out Your Light and Your Truth” (PH 165 1 & 2)

\*Postlude

Sermon Notes:

## Morning Worship Service

Leading Worship: Pastor Keith Hoekstra ~ Accompanist: Jan Van Otterloo

### God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Song of Praise: “He Is Here” (CH 220)

\*Call to Worship

\*God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Song of Praise: “Come Christians Join and Sing” (LUYH 599 1 & 2)

### God Reminds Us Who We Are in Him

A Guide for Grateful Living: Abuse Awareness Reading, Response and Prayer (see inside page)

Song of Gratitude: “Give Us Clean Hands” (LUYH 628 once)

(Children ages 3-PK are invited to exit during the singing to attend Children in Worship at the back of church)

We Join in Prayer for One Another

### God Speaks to Us Through His Word

\*Song of Preparation: “Blessed Jesus at Your Word” (PH 280 1 & 3) [OB]

Scripture: Ruth 3:1-6

Prayer of Preparation

Message: The Instruction

Prayer of Application

We Give our Offerings for God’s Work

\*Song of Application; “God Will Take Care of You” (CH 692 1,3 &4)

### God Sends Us to Serve with His Blessing

\*God’s Blessing

\*Closing Song; “My Friends May You Grow In Grace” (LUYH 938)

\*Postlude

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law... Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. —Galatians 5:22-23 (25)*  
*Safe congregations are places where people can worship God and grow in faith freely without the fear of being hurt, harassed, or harmed. All of us want to be part of a safe congregation. So what can we do to make our congregation safer? We each can help by choosing to be a safe person. What does that look like? Here are some qualities that can be seen in a safe person: • Treats each person with dignity and respect • Actively listens with compassion and empathy to others • Acts with honesty and integrity • Respects others boundaries • Admits and apologizes after wronging someone • Advocates for the marginalized and the vulnerable Many of the words in this list are tied directly to the fruit of the Spirit. A safe person is one who displays these fruit in their lives.*

Safe People - Safe Churches - April is Abuse Awareness Month

Reader 1 - Galatians 5 instructs us about the fruit we will bear if we live by the Spirit. It reads, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law... Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

Reader 2 - Safe congregations are places where people can worship God and grow in faith freely without the fear of being hurt, harassed, or harmed. All of us want to be part of a safe congregation. So what can we do to make our congregation safer?

Reader 1 - We each can help by choosing to BE a safe person. Here are some qualities that can be seen in a safe person:

Reader 2 - Treat each person with dignity and respect

**Congregation - Give us eyes to see others as image bearers of The Creator.**

Reader 2 - Actively listen with compassion and empathy to others.

**Congregation- Give us hearts that are gentle and kind to see another in their pain and try to understand their hurt and suffering.**

Reader 2 - Act with honesty and integrity

**Congregation - Give us wisdom to speak the truth in love, to bring peace in hard situations and to make choices that demonstrate in word and deed that we are followers of Jesus.**

Reader 2 - Respect others’ boundaries

**Congregation - Give us pure thoughts and motives so that in all we do God will be praised and glorified.**

Reader 2 - Admit and apologize after wronging someone

**Congregation - Give us humility, gentleness and courage to do the right thing even when it is difficult.**

Reader 2 - Advocate for the marginalized and the vulnerable.

Reader 1 - Let us not forget the words of Jesus which remind us that whatever we do or do not do to the “least of these”; those who are suffering with pain, hunger, physical or emotional needs, we do or do not do unto Him.

**Congregation - We are the hands and feet of Jesus in His world.**

Reader 2 - A safe person is one who displays the Fruit of the Spirit in their lives. One who keeps in step with The Spirit’s leading.

Reader 1 - Please pray with me. Holy Spirit, come fill us, live in us and guide us to do all the good things you have prepared in advance for us to do. So that through your power in us we can both minister to each other in creating a safe and warm church environment as well as minister to the hurt and broken in your world. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

A Litany of Solidarity: With and Through the Spirit  
(inspired by Galatians 5: 22-23, Romans 8: 14-15)

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Fill us.**

Come, Holy Breath,

**Live in us.**

Come, Holy Wind,

**Move through us.**

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves,

so that you live in fear again.” (Rom 8:14-15a)

**Where we are led by other impulses**

**we become slaves again**

**and our way of being is guided by fear.**

Where we are guided by prejudice,

**Fill us with love.**

Where we are guided by pessimism,

**Fill us with joy.**

Where we are guided by misunderstanding,

**Fill us with peace.**

Where we are guided by superficial quick-fixes,

**Fill us with patience.**

Where we are guided by self-interest,

**Fill us with kindness.**

Where we are guided by apathy,

**Fill us with goodness.**

Where we are guided by convenience,

**Fill us with faithfulness.**

Where we are guided by complacency,

**Fill us with meekness.**

Where we are guided by temptation,

**Fill us with self-control.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Fill us.**

Come, Holy Breath,

**Live in us.**

Come, Holy Wind,

**Move through us.**