

NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GOD

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Worship Theme: The God Who Sanctifies

Bulletin theology: from the Scots' Confession, Section 14

We confess and acknowledge that God has given to man His holy law, in which not only all such works as displease and offend His godly majesty are forbidden, but also those which please Him and which He has promised to reward are commanded. These works are of two kinds. The one is done to the honor of God, the other to the profit of our neighbor, and both have the revealed Word of God as their assurance...We affirm good works to be only those which are done in faith and at the command of God who, in His law, has set forth the things that please Him. We affirm that evil works are not only those expressly done against God's command, but also, in religious matters and the worship of God, those things which have no other warrant than the invention and opinion of man. From the beginning God has rejected such, as we learn from the words of the prophet Isaiah and of our master, Christ Jesus, "In vain do they worship Me, teaching the doctrines and commandments of men."

(indicates to please stand, if able)*

Welcome & Announcements

* Congregational Greeting

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**— from Psalm 145

Rev. Alex Ford

L: Extol the Lord, your God and King, and bless His Name forever and ever!

C: Every day we will bless You, Lord, and praise Your Name forever and ever!

L: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised—His greatness is beyond our comprehension.

C: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, we will meditate.

L: Let us declare His greatness together to the world and to the next generation! Amen.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***Worship through Song:**

All the People Said Amen

One True God

How Great Is Our God

Confession of Faith—from WCF 16.1-2

L: Christian, what do you believe about good works?

C: We believe that good works are only those which God has commanded in His holy Word, and not those which are devised by men, apart from God’s warrant, out of blind zeal or any pretense of good intention.

Further, we believe that these true good works, done in obedience to God’s command, are the fruits and evidences of a true and living faith. By them believers show their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, build up their fellow believers, adorn the profession of the gospel, and glorify God. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, so that, bearing fruit unto holiness, we may attain the outcome, which is eternal life.

Congregational Prayer

Church: Faith Reformed Church (Cedar Grove)

Offering of tithes and gifts (please remain seated)

Offering Song: *It Is Well with My Soul*

Sermon

Rev. Tony Lombardo

Series: **THE BOOK OF JAMES – Practical Faith**

Text: **James 3:1-12** ESV (p. 1028 in pew Bible)

Sermon Title: **“Out of the Abundance of the Heart”**

*Sending Song – Hymn 64 *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* (vs. 1,2,3, & 5)

***Benediction**

Postlude