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WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GOD

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Worship Theme: The God Who Redeems

Bulletin theology: from Belgic Confession, Art. 24

We believe that this true faith, being wrought in man by the hearing of the Word of God and the operation of the Holy Spirit, regenerates him and makes him a new man, causing him to live a new life, and freeing him from the bondage of sin...it is impossible that this holy faith could fail to produce fruit in man: for we do not speak of a vain faith, but of such a faith which is called in Scripture a "faith working through love," which prompts man to the practice of those works which God has commanded in His Word.

(indicates to please stand, if able)*

Welcome & Announcements — Elder Jeff Kleeberger

Mission of the Month update and offering — Joel DeKoning

* Congregational Greeting

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**— from Psalm 47 — Rev. Alex Ford

L: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

C: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth!

L: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

C: Sing praises to the Lord our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth: sing praises to Him with a psalm!

L: Clap your hands, all peoples—rejoice in the Lord with great joy! Amen.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***Worship through Song:**

"Yet Not I but through Christ in Me"

"His Mercy Is More"

Confession of Sin

C: Lord, we confess to You our sin and our sins; particularly our sins of greed. We confess that we have tried to serve two masters. We have said that we love You, but our actions have shown a love of worldly possessions instead. We have devoted the time and attention You gave us to ourselves and our comfort, rather than on the people You have called us to love. We have squandered resources that should have been given to those in need. Our greed has

stolen the tithes and offerings and acts of devotion that should have been Yours. Search our hearts—show us our sin. Heal our blindness: give us Your eyes to see.

[silent confession]

Forgive us, Lord Jesus, of our greed and selfishness. Bring us to repentance and cleanse us, so that we will serve You—and those You call us to—with undivided hearts. We ask this in the Name of Your Son, who was given for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon—from Romans 5

L: Hear the word of the Lord: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Amen.

Congregational Prayer — Dave Harrison

Church: Faith Reformed Church (Cedar Grove)

Offering of tithes and gifts (please remain seated)

Offering Song: “Stronger”

Sermon — Rev. Alex Ford

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

Text: **James 2:20-26** ESV (p. 1028 in pew Bible)

Sermon Title: **“Evidence of Things Not Seen”**

*Sending Song – Hymn #1 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

***Benediction**

Postlude

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