

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
April 29, 2018 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

When the prelude begins please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Heut Triumphieret Gottes Sohn” (BWV 630) J. S. Bach
(Today God’s Son Triumphs)
Meditation on ‘New Britain’ C. Callahan

WELCOME Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 92*)

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ALL: To sing praises to your name, O Most High;
ONE: To declare your steadfast love in the morning,
ALL: And your faithfulness by night,
ONE: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
ALL: At the works of your hands I sing for joy.

*OPENING HYMN “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” Hymn #76

*INVOCATION Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are merciful and kind, but we have gone our own way, not loving you nor our neighbors as we ought, We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. Father, please forgive us. Help us to love you and our neighbor and to live for your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MERCY (Kyrie) “Lord Have Mercy upon Us”

ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.
ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us.
ONE: Christ, have mercy upon us.
ALL: Christ, have mercy upon us.
ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.
ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “The Gloria Patri”
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 22:63 - 23:25 page #883

SERMON “Jesus on Trial” Dr. Timothy Witmer

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Meditation on Three Passion Hymns C. Callahan
(Psalm 137; Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (TH#645); My Song Is Love Unknown (TH#182))

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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*CLOSING HYMN “It Is Well with My Soul” Hymn #691

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE Postlude on ‘New Britain’ C. Callahan

(Should you be moved to respond to a special musical offering, a hearty "Amen" is recommended)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy Witmer

Associate Pastor: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

Elders: John Garner, Josh Irvine, Richard Miller, Mike Ressler

Deacons: Gene Eberly, Tom Frankhouser, Ernie Orr, Chuck Kidhardt

Organist Emeritus: A.J. Young

Organist and Choirmaster: Douglas Wimer

Music Leader: Rev. Dr. Stuart Sacks

Children’s Ministry Director: Faith Titus

Ushers: Phil Laukhuff & Jim Leonard

Greeter: Corinna Bond

Altar Guild: Sue Beiler

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Sexton: Jill Wilson

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PIANO PRELUDE – Please remain seated and join in singing with the Worship Team

GATHERING

“Speak, O Lord”

Songs of Praise #28

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CHILDREN’S SONG (Children ages 4-8 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,

Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,

He forgave my sins and He saved my soul,

He cleansed my heart and He made me whole,

Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me.

Go; and tell the story, of the Christ of Calvary,

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He will forgive their sins, He will save their souls,

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