

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
April 5, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Timothy Witmer

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 118*)

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

“Open to me the gates of righteousness, That I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; The righteous shall enter through it. The stone that the builders rejected Has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!”

INVOCATION

MUSICAL OFFERING *“The Palms” Faure*

Barbara Witmer, Soloist
Douglas Wimer, Piano

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms bright
Are strewn this day in festive preparation,
Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

Refrain:

Join all and sing His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord!
Bless Him, who cometh to bring us salvation!

His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more their freedom gain from degradation,
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness find restored the light. [Refrain]

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation,
Thro' boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith the hope to thee forevermore. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:12-19

¹² *The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.* ¹³ *So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”* ¹⁴ *And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,*

¹⁵ *“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!”*

¹⁶ *His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.* ¹⁷ *The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and*

raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

SERMON

"Crowd Mentality"

Dr. Timothy Witmer

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN 235 All Glory, Laud and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel
and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
The King and Blessed One

The company of angels
Is praising You on high;
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present.

To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.
As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
For You delight in goodness,
O good and gracious King!

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS 04/05/2020

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

All of our homebound members and also prayers of healing for:

Ken Laudermilch	Larry Ladley - son-in-law of Bud & Judy See	Wilbur Horning	
Amy Weigelt	Natalie Anderson	Edie Richard	
Lou Ford	Stu Sacks	Cindy Sierk	
Carol Flora	Karen Seiple	Joan Jacobs	
Kurt Weaver	Pat Fieger	Shirley Titus	Laine Eberly

*Names appear on this list when we are given permission to print them.
(New names added to the list appear in dark print)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

An Abbreviated Worship Service and full sermon will be available every Sunday morning on our website throughout the quarantine.

Phil Castor's T.U.L.I.P. Sunday School class is also available LIVE at 9:30 online. This is recorded for later viewing. You will need a ZOOM account to view LIVE. Instructions are available on the website.

Online Prayer Meetings will continue this week. Virtual prayer meetings are held online on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Fridays at Noon. These are accessible LIVE via ZOOM. Let us know if you need information about how to connect. These meetings will be 15-30 minutes in length.

Please send prayer requests to twitmer@ststephenpca.org, to be included and there will be opportunity for you to share requests LIVE.

Online Giving - During these weeks that we are not meeting, please mail your tithes and offerings to the church office or consider the new online giving option on our website. As always, we are grateful for your generosity to the Lord's work.

Should you have needs, or know of someone who does, please contact Pastor Witmer (610-733-1659), Pastor Stamper (717-715-5954), or your shepherd. Do not hesitate to call and stay in touch with one another.

Pastor Search Committee Nominations will be extended through April 30. The congregational meeting to elect the search committee scheduled for April 26 will have to be rescheduled.

Plans for the Free Market on June 13 continue, though circumstances may require its cancellation. Stay tuned and please contact Pastor Tim if you would like to help.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS ACCESSIBLE VIA ZOOM...

Today	9:30 am	Online Sunday School
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Online Prayer Meeting
Friday	12:00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting

ONLINE NEXT SUNDAY – Easter Sunday: April 12, 2020

SERMON: "Sunday Surprise"

By: Dr. Timothy Witmer

Scripture: John 20:1-18