

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
July 15, 2018 – 8:15 A.M.

\*Indicates those able may stand

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

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

“Vater unser im Himmelreich” (BWV 636) J.S. Bach  
(Our Father in Heaven)  
Prelude on ‘Beach Spring’ C. Callahan

#### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Adapted from Psalm 105:1-5)*

ONE: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

**ALL: Make known his deeds among the peoples!**

ONE: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**ALL: Tell of all his wondrous works!**

ONE: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**ALL: Let us seek the LORD and his strength; let us seek his presence continually!**

\*OPENING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Hymn #598

#### \*INVOCATION

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.  
Let us admit our brokenness to God.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your way: we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us. Wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. 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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING “Sacred Harp Medley” arr. B. Adams  
(Jocelyn Strubel, flute)

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 16 page #11

SERMON “Hurry Up and Wait” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Jericho” Jocelyn Strubel, flute

#### \*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

**Most merciful and gracious God, whose bounty we have received, we ask you to accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it, and those for whom it is given. And so, add to it your blessing that it may advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN      “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”      Hymn #468

\*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*SILENT MEDITATION

\*POSTLUDE      “Prelude in G” (BWV 541)      J.S. Bach

(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, Chuck Kidhardt & Ernie Orr

**Organist Emeritus:** A.J. Young

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Douglas Wimer

**Music Leader:** Rev. Dr. Stuart Sacks

**Children’s Ministry Director:** Faith Titus

**Ushers:** Dick & Cathy Eby

**Greeters:** Joe & Phyllis Stauffer

**Altar Guild:** Darlene Smith

**Counting Team:** Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

**Sexton:** Jill Wilson

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GATHERING (Congregation seated)  
“Across the Lands”

Songs of Praise #2

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CHILDREN’S SONG

Father Abraham had many sons  
Many sons had Father Abraham  
I am one of them and so are you  
So let’s all praise the Lord.

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