

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Timothy Witmer

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 105:1-5*)

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

HYMN # 710 "God of Our Fathers"

1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever-sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase,
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

INVOCATION

Nathan Titus, Pastoral Intern

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 38

SERMON: "A Most Unusual Story"

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #713 "Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer"

1 Great King of nations, hear our prayer,
while at your feet we fall,
and humbly, with united cry,
to you for mercy call.

2 The guilt is ours, but grace is yours,
O turn us not away;
but hear us from your lofty throne,
and help us when we pray.

3 Our fathers' sins were manifold,
and ours no less we own,
yet wondrously from age to age
your goodness has been shown.

4 When dangers, like a stormy sea,
beset our country round,
to you we looked, to you we cried,
and help in you was found.

5 With one consent we meekly bow
beneath your chast'ning hand,
and, pouring forth confession meet,
mourn with our mourning land.

6 With pitying eye behold our need,
as thus we lift our prayer;
correct us with your judgments, Lord,
then let your mercy spare.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Douglas Wimer, Organist