

2ST. STEPHEN REFORMED  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
August 11, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.

\*Indicates those able may stand

PIANO PRELUDE – *Let us quiet our hearts as we silently prepare to worship*

GATHERING (Congregation seated)  
“Behold the Lamb”

Book of Praise #6

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 117*)

ONE: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**ALL: Extol him, all peoples!**

ONE: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**ALL: And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

ONE: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**ALL: Extol him, all peoples!**

\*OPENING HYMN

“Thine Be the Glory”

Hymn #274

\*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Isaiah 1:18*)

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command.” Forgive us for our lukewarm love and for our disobedience. Lord, you said, “You may ask for anything in my name.” Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems. Lord, you said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety. Lord, you said, “If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.” Forgive us for our barren lives, Lord. You said, “You must testify, for you have been with me.” We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent. Lord, you said, “Love each other as I have loved you.” In this and in so many other ways, we confess our sins. Amen.**

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.**

\*APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>1</sup> church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

(1 or universal)

CHILDREN’S SONG – (Children ages 4-7 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love  
Our God is an awesome God

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32

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SERMON

“Desperate Measures”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Blessed Assurance”

D. Wood

\*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

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us— Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN            “According to Thy Gracious Word”            Hymn #423

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

RECEIVING AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN            “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”            Hymn #708

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*SILENT MEDITATION

\*POSTLUDE

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

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Welcome Center:** George & Jane Miller

**Greeter:** Betty Humphreys

**Altar Guild:** Cathy Eby

**Counting Team:** Bill & Joyce Snyder