

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
August 12, 2018 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Ich ruf’ zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ” (BWV 639) J.S. Bach
(I call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ)
“Elegy” R. Brunner

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 113:1-4*)

ONE: Praise, O servants of the LORD,
ALL: Praise the name of the LORD!
ONE: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
ALL: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
ONE: the name of the LORD is to be praised!
ALL: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

*OPENING HYMN

“Thine Be the Glory” Hymn #274

*INVOCATION

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Isaiah 55:6-8*)

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to you, fulfill in our contrite hearts the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus 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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Down to the River to Pray”

arr. J. Dempsey

(Jocelyn Strubel, flute; Hannah Martin, violin)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 20

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SERMON

“Again?”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. D. Miller

*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

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given to us - our time, our possessions, and our lives. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us - Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

Hymn #642

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE

"Toccata on Amazing Grace"

C. Pardini

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Welcome Center: Spence & Samantha Steedley

Greeter: Alda Showalter

Ushers: Gene & Viki Eberly

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Sexton: Jill Wilson

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)

“I Cannot Tell Why He Whom Angels Worship”

Praise Book #16

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

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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