

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
August 18, 2019 – 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 the heaven)  
“Love of the Father” (Gibbons Song 22) H. Willan

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 118*)

ONE: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
**ALL: For his steadfast love endures forever!**  
ONE: Let Israel say,  
**ALL: His steadfast love endures forever.**  
ONE: Let the house of Aaron say,  
**ALL: His steadfast love endures forever.**  
ONE: Let those who fear the LORD say,  
**ALL: His steadfast love endures forever.**

\*OPENING HYMN

“Exalt the Lord” Hymn #12

\*INVOCATION

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Isaiah 55:6-7 ESV*)

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Psalm 86:3-6*)

“Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me. 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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 33

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SERMON

“Fears Faced”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*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

**We are not our own; we belong to you. You have created us and given us life anew, O God, our Creator, Savior, and Sustainer. We present our offerings to you to display outwardly our hearts’ overflowing gratitude for all your gifts. Receive these gifts from us and through them bring life and hope to many. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Administrative Assistant:** Anita Witmer

\*CLOSING HYMN            “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”            Hymn #616

\*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**

**Ministers:** The Congregation

**Senior Pastor:** 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:** Dr. Stuart Sacks

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

**Welcome Center:** George & Jane Miller

**Greeter:** Betty Ludwig

**Ushers:** Lamar Martin & Larry Martin

**Altar Guild:** Cathy Eby

**Counting Team:** Bill & Joyce Snyder

**Sexton:** Jill Wilson

**Bookkeeper:** Charlene Good