

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
August 30, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Timothy Witmer

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 145:10-13*)

“All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.”

HYMN #38 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

INVOCATION

Nathan Titus, Pastoral Intern

MUSICAL OFFERING

“My Heart Pants After Thee”
Jocelyn Strubel, flute and Stu Sacks, piano

arr. Sacks

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 46

SERMON

“Reunion”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN #323 “Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand”

1 Ten thousand times ten thousand
in sparkling raiment bright,
the armies of the ransomed saints
throng up the steeps of light:
'tis finished, all is finished,
their fight with death and sin:
fling open wide the golden gates
and let the victors in.

2 What rush of alleluias
fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps
bespeaks the triumph night!
O day, for which creation
and all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes
a thousand fold repaid!

3 O then what raptured greetings
on Canaan's happy shore;
what knitting severed friendships up
where partings are no more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle,
that brimmed with tears of late;
orphans no longer fatherless,
nor widows desolate.

4 Bring near thy great salvation,
thou Lamb for sinners slain;
fill up the roll of thine elect,
then take thy pow'r, and reign:
appear, Desire of nations,
thine exiles long for home;
show in the heav'n thy promised sign;
thou Prince and Savior, come.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Douglas Wimer, Organist

**THE PURPOSE OF ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH,
"THE BEACON ON THE HILL"
IS**

TO KNOW Jesus, the light of the world,

John 8:12 "Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life.'"

TO GROW together as His followers, and

1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

TO SHOW His light to the world.

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden"