

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
Palm Sunday March 25, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.

\*Indicates those able may stand

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

PIANO PRELUDE – Please remain seated and join in singing with the Worship Team

GATHERING

“How Firm a Foundation”

Hymn #94

WELCOME

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

ONE: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

**ALL: That I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

ONE: This is the gate of the LORD;

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ONE: The stone that the builders rejected

**ALL: Has become the cornerstone.**

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**ALL: It is marvelous in our eyes.**

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ONE: Hosanna!

**ALL: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!**

\*OPENING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Hymn #235

\*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced “Crucify him,” we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. The events of Jesus’ last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior. In honesty and hope, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving Savior, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess that our praise is often empty and that our commitment often falters. Please forgive us and help us to be firm in our resolve to love and follow you. 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.**

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

Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,  
Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,  
He forgave my sins and He saved my soul,  
He cleansed my heart and He made me whole,  
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Go; and tell the story, of the Christ of Calvary,  
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He will forgive their sins, He will save their souls,  
He will cleanse their hearts, He will make them whole,  
Go; and tell the story of the Christ of Calvary.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

MUSICAL OFFERING

“O Rejoice in the Lord”

Rendón Family

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:25-38

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SERMON

“Signs of the Times” Part 2

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. R. Hobby

\*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  
**Our gracious God, everything that we have belongs to you. We thank you  
for providing all of our needs according to your riches in glory. Help us to  
be good stewards of the good gifts we have received as we offer these gifts  
with heartfelt thanks. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "To God be the Glory!" Hymn #55

\*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*SILENT MEDITATION

\*POSTLUDE "Prelude in E-flat major" J.S. Bach

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

**Altar Guild:** Raymell Houck  
**Counting Team:** Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Ministers:** The Congregation

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**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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**Deacons:** Gene Eberly, Tom Frankhouser, Chuck Kidhardt & Ernie Orr

**Organist Emeritus:** A.J. Young

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**Greeters:** Bill & Cindy Smith

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“Andante Sostenuto” from Symphony 9

Ch. M. Widor

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PRAYER FOR MERCY (Kyrie) “Lord Have Mercy upon Us”

ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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ONE: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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