

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
Easter Sunday April 1, 2018 – 8:15 A.M.

**Indicates those able may stand*

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Christ lay in death’s strong bands”
“Tuba Tune”

J. S. Bach
C. S. Lang

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen, indeed!

*OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Hymn #277

*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ died for sin once for all, and now lives forever. Let us renew our resolve through His Spirit to do away with the evil that remains in our hearts and confess our sins in repentance and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unto you, O Lord, belongs mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against you, for you are good and ready to forgive, and full of mercy to all who call upon you. Look upon us, therefore, with an eye of pity and compassion, as we now humble ourselves with sincere confession before the throne of your grace, and in the Name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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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

“The Strife is O’er”

St. Stephen Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

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SERMON

“He is Risen!”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“When I Survey”
St. Stephen Bells

H. Ley

*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

Loving God, we thank you for this Resurrection Day - with its promise of new life now and eternal life to come. Use us, and our gifts, to love and to serve you, and to witness to Christ whom you have raised, and in whose name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Songs of Praise #10

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE

“Toccata from Symphony 5”

Widor

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Rev. 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: Rev. Dr. Stuart Sacks

Children's Ministry Director: Faith Titus

Ushers: Phil Laukhuff & Jim Leonard

Greeters: Alda Showalter

Altar Guild: Sue Beiler

Counting Team: Bill & Joyce Snyder

Sexton: Jill Wilson

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Administrative Assistant: Anita Witmer

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

GATHERING

“Up from the Grave He Arose”

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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,
Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me.

Go; and tell the story, of the Christ of Calvary,
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He will forgive their sins, He will save their souls,
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