

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

**Indicates those able may stand*

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund” (BWV 621)

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 71*)

ONE: My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day.

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ONE: With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;

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ONE: O God, from my youth you have taught me,

ALL: And I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

*OPENING HYMN

“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

Hymn #122

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Psalm 130*)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. 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.**

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 87

ONE: What is repentance unto life?

ALL: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavour after, new obedience.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

“At the Foot of the Cross”

Kathryn Scott

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:21-38

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SERMON

“An Awkward Dinner”

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision/Before the Throne of God"

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Doxology"
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
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*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, O Triune God, and through them
bring life and hope to many. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN "Speak, O Lord" Songs of Praise #28

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE "Concerto Grosso" Op. 6, No. 8, Second Movement A. Corelli

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

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Greeters: Ed & Dolores Smith
Altar Guild: Sue Beiler
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PIANO PRELUDE – Please remain seated and join in singing with the Worship Team

GATHERING “O Word of God Incarnate” Hymn #140

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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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