

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
June 3, 2018 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Komm, Gott Schopfer, Heiliger Geist” (BWV 631) J.S. Bach
(*Come, Creator God, Holy Ghost*)
“Air” from Water Music G.F. Handel

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 98*)

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ALL: For he has done marvelous things!
ONE: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
ALL: The LORD has made known his salvation;
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ALL: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

*OPENING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Hymn #598

*INVOCATION Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ died to 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 penitence and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we have sinned in what we have done and in the good we have failed to do. We have sinned in ignorance, we have sinned in weakness, and we have sinned through our own deliberate defiance. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.
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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.**

*APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic¹ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 11:1-9 page #8

SERMON “Talk, Talk, Talk” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” D. Busarow

*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

Gracious God, source of all goodness and blessing, your ear is always open to our needs. When we cry to you, you are faithful and provide for us. All that we give, we dedicate to your glory. All that we keep, we commit to your care, for we are only stewards of your bounty. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN “He Was Pierced for our Transgressions” Praise Book #12

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

RECEIVING AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN “I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew” Hymn #466

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE “Now Thank We All Our God” S. Karg-Elert

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ushers: George Weaver & Bruce Wanner

Greeter: Larry & Joan Martin

Altar Guild: Susan Luek

Counting Team: Don Orner & Wilbur Horning

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GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Give Thanks”

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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,
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He forgave my sin 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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