

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
April 12, 2020
EASTER

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Timothy Witmer

ONE: Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen, indeed!

HYMN #277 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal: Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise? Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious king: Alleluia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

INVOCATION

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Resurrection Medley"

Dr. Stuart Sacks

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18

SERMON

“Sunday Surprise”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN #274 “Thine Be the Glory”

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o’er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict’ry, thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Refrain:

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict’ry, thou o’er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain:

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict’ry, thou o’er death hast won.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS 04/12/2020

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

All of our homebound members and also prayers of healing for:

Ken Laudermilch	Larry Ladley - son-in-law of Bud & Judy See	Wilbur Horning	
Amy Weigelt	Natalie Anderson	Edie Richard	
Lou Ford	Stu Sacks	Cindy Sierk	
Carol Flora	Karen Seiple	Joan Jacobs	
Kurt Weaver	Pat Fieger	Shirley Titus	Laine Eberly

*Names appear on this list when we are given permission to print them.
(New names added to the list appear in dark print)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

An Abbreviated Worship Service and full sermon will be available every Sunday morning on our website throughout the quarantine.

Phil Castor's T.U.L.I.P. Sunday School class is also available LIVE at 9:30 online. This is recorded for later viewing. You will need a ZOOM account to view LIVE. Instructions are available on the website.

Online Prayer Meetings will continue this week. Virtual prayer meetings are held online on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Fridays at Noon. These are accessible LIVE via ZOOM. Let us know if you need information about how to connect. These meetings will be 15-30 minutes in length.

Please send prayer requests to twitmer@ststephenpca.org, to be included and there will be opportunity for you to share requests LIVE.

Online Giving - During these weeks that we are not meeting, please mail your tithes and offerings to the church office or consider the new online giving option on our website. As always, we are grateful for your generosity to the Lord's work.

Should you have needs, or know of someone who does, please contact Pastor Witmer (610-733-1659), Pastor Stamper (717-715-5954), or your shepherd. Do not hesitate to call and stay in touch with one another.

Pastor Search Committee Nominations *have been extended through April 30.* The congregational meeting to elect the search committee scheduled for April 26 will be rescheduled.

Plans for the Free Market on June 13 continue, though circumstances may require its cancellation. Stay tuned and please contact Pastor Tim if you would like to help.

Easter Flower orders received prior to the quarantine decorate the church today and during April. They are given as follows:

In loving memory of Sue & Otto Luek, Elsie & Fred Reutenauer and “Nannie” Pierce
by Susan Luek

In memory of my husband John and son Darryl
by Carol Flora

In memory of our parents
by Fran & Sally Rapp

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS ACCESSIBLE VIA ZOOM...

<i>Today</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>	<i>Online Sunday School</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>Online Prayer Meeting</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>12:00 pm</i>	<i>Online Prayer Meeting</i>

ONLINE NEXT SUNDAY – April 19, 2020
SERMON: “A New Approach to Differences”
By: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper
Scripture: Romans 14:13-23