

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

APRIL 23, 2017

10:15 A.M.



The United Methodist Church of Morristown

Christ Centered † Spirit Led

The mission of our church is to engage all people in knowing, loving, and serving God to transform lives, communities, and the world.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

Prière

Alexandre Guilmant
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

Christ is Alive!

Sarah A Michal

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.

No. 318

Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death will never die!

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: We are born anew.

People: We have a living hope.

Leader: We have an enduring inheritance.

People: It's God's love for us.

Leader: We trust God.

People: We rejoice with hearts filled with praise.

Leader: We cannot begin to express our joy.

People: How can we express what it means to be invited into God's presence?

Leader: Let us worship God this blessed day.

† OPENING HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

No. 158

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Kris Hansen

Loving God, you are our refuge and our hope.

You instruct us in your truth

and teach us the ways that lead to life.

Through your Son, Jesus,

we inherit the abundance of your grace.

Even when the way is difficult,

even when we struggle,

you are with us.

Speak your word of peace to our hearts,

that we too may proclaim Jesus as Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Cho

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

We haven't seen the truth.

We have only heard what others have said.

We worry that our doubts keep us from true belief.

We reject the rich inheritance you offer us

as we pursue our own foolish ways.

Yet we long to know the truth

and to understand you fully.

Come to us, bringer of peace.

Forgive our doubts; show us your ways,

and lead us into your truth. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER/REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God is our refuge, protecting us, instructing us, and leading us on the way that leads to life.
God's love forgives us and makes us whole again.

People: Yes, God's love forgives us and makes us whole again. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lord of the Dance
Chancel Choir

arr. Steve Pilkington

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Dr. Cho with Seeing Eye Dog "Mac," Don MacGowan and Kathy Murray

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Kris Hansen

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

† HYMN

There's Something About That Name

No. 171

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Kris Hansen

God, we come to you as we are, with both our doubts and our faith. Show us your path, as we reflect on your living Word. Be present with us, that we may know your truth and find life and joy in your ways. Open our hearts and minds to your Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

Kris Hansen

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.** Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, **"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."**

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. **Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." **Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"** Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." **Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.** But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Sight Unseen"

Dr. Cho

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Cho

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY *Offertoire*

Léon Boëllmann

† DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*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.*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Kris Hansen

Our God of life and love, thank you for providing for us everything we need, for offering life itself and the deep peace of your presence. We offer ourselves to you, trusting in your grace. May these gifts honor you, as they continue your work of offering the world a living hope. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

No. 173

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

† POSTLUDE

Voluntary

Manuel Emilio

Please feel free to sit and enjoy the postlude, or leave the sanctuary to greet the pastor or other church friends at the door. All are welcome to join for a time of fellowship over refreshments in Fellowship Hall.



THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE THE CHANCEL are given by Sue Puma and Kevin Vance to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sue's mom Joan Puma.

Attendance and Offering		
Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017		
<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Offering</u>
Early morning	70	
Easter Worship	<u>245</u>	\$9,146.00
	315	

- “LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS,” the broadcast of our services, may be seen on Cable Channel 21 each Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
- **DVDs** are available for each worship service for \$5.00. Please call the office to place your order.
- **LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE USHERS' TABLE. PLEASE TAKE A HYMNAL AND RETURN IT TO THE USHERS' TABLE AFTER THE SERVICE.**

MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 23, 2017

April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

“Truly Risen Indeed”

Luke 24:13-25

Jack Scharf preaching

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“Membership to Discipleship”

Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor Brandon preaching

WELCOME EVERYBODY! We are so glad that we could worship God together today. Please go to the WELCOME CENTER to receive a welcome gift and more information about our church and its ministry. See you next Sunday.

PASTOR BRANDON is taking his one week vacation this week from tomorrow until next Monday. He will return to the church office on Tuesday, April 25. For emergency pastoral attention and care, please contact the church office.

JACK SCHARF will be preaching next Sunday, April 30.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—August 7-11, 2017. We are happy to inform you that you may now register for Vacation Bible School on the church website.

OUR SOFTBALL TEAM will be starting its season in just a few weeks. We are looking for male and female players, 14 and older. All skill levels are welcome. We play in a Christian fellowship league. Please see Vince Cattano in Fellowship Hall for more info or a vcattano@gmail.com.

WE ARE COLLECTING RAZORS AND SHAVING CREAM FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN IN APRIL.

THIS WEEK AT MUMC

Sunday, April 23

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club Wesley Room

9:00 a.m. Adult Education Wesley Room

10:15 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Brandon

11:35 a.m. Asbury Choir Choir Room

3:30 p.m. Bilingual Service

Monday, April 24

7:30 p.m. AA Room 21

Tuesday, April 25

Wednesday, April 26

6:00 p.m. Wesleyan Choir Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers Asbury Room

Thursday, April 27

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, April 28

Saturday, April 29

8:30 a.m. Emmaus Reunion

5:00 p.m. Youth Lock-in

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Esperanza Worship and Ministry

- Nueva
- Stephen Ministry
- Church Leaders and Ministry Teams
- Our Sunday School and Youth Ministry

Our Church Family and Friends

Sue Puma and her family, mourning the death of her mom, Joan

Bill Earls

Those going on Spring Walk to Emmaus:

Jan Buck, Kris Hansen, Sarah Michal and Pearl Ontalan

Gary, loss of job

Tim Byrne, successful treatment of cancer

John Hyland, continued strength and healing during treatment

Nino Martino, healing

Kelly Buzalski, Ruth Zippler's daughter-in-law, fighting cancer

Grandma Joanie, may she sing in heaven

Dorothy Daniels, pain relief

Joan, in hospice care

Laurel Mae Bailey, treatment of rheumatoid arthritis

Janice Harris, colon cancer

Stephanie, leukemia

Hedda, strength and healing

Carolyn, cancer

Sadie Stiles, depression

Joe Mossey, liver issues

Owen, strength and hope during cancer treatments

Maggie, dialysis and chemo

Debbie's mom, successful treatment of cancer

Lea O'Shea, Nancy Ruggerio's daughter, recovery

Adam, successful treatment of colon cancer

James, recovery from stage 4 cancer

Jenny's father, treatment for prostate cancer

Enid, lung cancer

James, recovery from stage 4 cancer

Pfc. Abigail Crisp, NJ Army National Guard

Sgt. Randall Ferrara, NJ Army National Guard

Jordan Dale, U.S. Marines

Lt. Karen Kraft McAllister, U.S. Navy, S. Korea

On-going Prayer

Sonya Burroughs

Nancy Gardner

Shannon Bain

Jack & Johnna

Lou Cattano

Barbara & Jim MacHale

Beth & Bruce Courter

Micah

Erika Davis

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