



Pastor's e-Note

Morristown United Methodist Church (4/20/2017)

Happy and Blessed Easter to you and yours!! The joy of the Easter celebration lingers on in our hearts this week. While my body is recovering from the intense work load of the Holy Week and Easter, my heart rejoices in the risen Christ. Thank you to all of you – choir members, church staff, all the volunteers in both services – for your diligent and faithful service.

For our post Easter reflection, I share with you the following poem about the sun. My thanks to Professor Laurel Kearns of Drew Theological School for sharing it with me.

**Hello, sun in my face.
Hello, you who made the morning
and spread it over the fields
and into the faces of the tulips
and the nodding morning glories,
and into the windows of, even, the
miserable and the crotchety –
best preacher that ever was,
dear star, that just happens
to be where you are in the universe
to keep us from ever-darkness,
to ease us with warm touching,**

to hold us in the great hands of light –
good morning, good morning, good morning.
Watch, now, how I start the day
in happiness, in kindness.

- "Why I Wake Early" by Mary Oliver
From *Why I Wake Early: New Poems* (2005)

We are getting ready to launch a new season of softball games with our neighboring churches and organizations. Please contact Vince Cattano for more information and participation.

This coming Sunday, I will be preaching on "Sight Unseen." And to coincide with the sermon theme, I have lined up special guests for the Children's Storytime. We will have a Seeing Eye Dog named Mac (yes, a real dog) along with Don MacGowan and Kathy Murray. They will share with you more about what it is like to live as a blind person and how a Seeing Eye Dog like Mac serves well as a guide and companion. I urge all the children to come and enjoy this special Children's Storytime with Mac and me.

May the joy of the Lord be with you. Have a blessed weekend and see you in church .

In God's Joy,

Brandon