

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 15, 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.

October 15, 2017

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him!

arr. Chester G. Allen
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

Christ for the World We Sing *Sarah A Michal*
Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; No. 568
the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Rejoice in God always! Again I say rejoice!

People: Rejoice in God's steadfast love.

Leader: Rejoice in God's enduring grace.

People: Rejoice in God's saving word.

Leader: Rejoice in the Spirit's gentle guidance.

People: Rejoice in God's healing presence.

Leader: Rejoice in God always! Again I say rejoice!

People: Rejoice in God always! Again, we say rejoice!

† OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

No. 64

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Jack Scharf

**Holy God, we come into your midst
with praise on our lips
and songs of joy in our hearts.**

**We come to stand firm in our convictions:
that good is stronger than evil,
that love is stronger than hate,
that truth will ultimately win the day.**

**Keep our hearts focused on things
that are worthy of praise,
and bless us with your peace –
a peace that passes all understanding.**

**Keep our minds grounded in Christ Jesus,
that we may know the joy of your justice
and your righteousness. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Cho

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, following you is seldom easy. When we become afraid, we allow our worries and doubts to cloud our vision and obscure our faith. When we seem far away, we replace you with hobbies and work, with desirable playthings and pursuits that leave us feeling hollow and empty. Forgive us. Focus our hearts and minds on things that are excellent, admirable, and worthy of praise. Shine the light of your love in our lives, that we may see within ourselves the things that are just, righteous, and true. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, is ours through our Lord, Jesus Christ.
In our Lord, we are forgiven and rest secure.

People: In our Lord, we are forgiven and rest secure. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Go Into the World
Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dr. Cho

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Dr. Cho

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Jack Scharf

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 us 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

He Touched Me

No. 367

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Jack Scharf

As we seek your presence in each moment of our lives, O God, we ask you to open our hearts, minds and lives to your living Word today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 8:25-35

Now after Peter and John had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, proclaiming the good news to many villages of the Samaritans.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. **He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.** Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." **So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah.** He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" **He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?"** And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to [the disciples], "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. **And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**"

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign your attendance and contact information in the Friendship Pad
- Max Morden Trio—Abendmusik #1—October 21, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Dr. Cho

arr. Don Hustad

† 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. Amen.*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Jack Scharf

**God of steadfast love, your bounty knows no bounds.
For the abundant gifts in our lives, we thank you, Lord.
For the peace that passes all understanding, we praise you, Lord.
For keeping our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, we honor you.
Receive the gifts we bring you this day for the work of your Kingdom in our community and
around the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

† CLOSING HYMN

Go, Make of All Disciples

No. 571

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

† POSTLUDE

The Trophy

François Couperin



THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE THE CHANCEL are given by Jane Rehmke and Lee Schubert to the glory of God, and in celebration of their Granddaughter Evie’s first birthday on October 19.

MUMC Church Staff

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October 15, 2017

October 22, 2017

Laity Sunday

Matthew 19:14; Matthew 18:5-7

“Lord, Prepare US to be a Sanctuary”

Kris Hansen preaching

October 29, 2017

Reformation Sunday

John 4:23-24; Matthew 22:37-40

“Worship is a Lifestyle”

Pastor Brandon preaching

Special choir music celebrating Reformation

WELCOME! A special welcome to our guests who are worshipping with us today. We are so glad that you are here and that we can worship God together as friends. Please go to the WELCOME CENTER to receive your “welcome gift” and information packet about our church. Join us in Fellowship Hall after for good conversation and food.

NEXT SUNDAY IS LAITY SUNDAY. We will celebrate the ministry of our dedicated laity of our church. Kris Hansen, one of our Lay Servants, along with other church members will lead the service. Please join us for a potluck following the service. See the insert.

PASTOR BRANDON will be attending the **“All the People Conference”** on multi-ethnic and multi-class ministry from this Friday, October 20 until Monday, October 23. It will be held at the UMC of All People, Columbus, Ohio. He has been asked by the GNJ leadership to attend along with other vital and fruitful pastors from our area. Please contact Pastor Charles Perez, Jack Scharf or Kris Hansen for urgent pastoral care.

“WE LOVE OUR CHURCH” Fall Pledge Drive for 2018 will begin on Sunday, November 5. We will dedicate our pledges on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19. More information will be sent to you very soon. In the meantime, let us pray for a successful Pledge Drive for our church. Thank you all.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS! Are you interested in joining this church and making it your home church? Please contact Pastor Brandon at bcho34@gmail.com. Thank you.

Attendance and Offering

October 8, 2017

Attendance

135

Offering

\$4,554.00

Hispanic
Heritage Month
September 15-October 15



October 15, 2017

NUEVA ESPERANZA

Celebrate with a Special Service (3:30pm) and Dinner (5pm)!

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This Week at MUMC

Sunday, October 15

9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	Library
	Breakfast Club	Wesley Room
9:40 a.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
10:15 a.m.	Worship Service	
	Pastor Brandon preaching	
11:35 a.m.	Asbury Choir	Choir Room
3:30 p.m.	Nueva Esperanza	

Monday, October 16

7:30 p.m.	A.A.	Room 21
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Tuesday, October 17

6:30 p.m.	Wesleyan Choir	Choir Room
7:00 p.m.	Administrative Board	Asbury Room

Wednesday, October 18

4:00 p.m.	Esperanza Soccer	Gym
7:00 p.m.	Jubilation Ringers	Asbury Room

Thursday, October 19

7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
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Friday, October 20

5:30 p.m.	Esperanza Soccer	Gym
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Saturday, October 21

8:30 p.m.	Emmaus Reunion	Wesley Room
7:30 p.m.	Abendmusik—Max Morden Trio	

Next Sunday, October 22

Laity Sunday

9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	Library
	Breakfast Club	Wesley Room
9:40 a.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
10:15 a.m.	Worship Service	
	Kris Hansen preaching	
11:45 a.m.	Safe Sanctuary Celebration/Luncheon	
3:30 p.m.	Nueva Esperanza/Dinner	

- “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.**



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

Our Church Family and Friends

Bill Earls, undergoing testing
Les Sutton, continued recovery from a fall
Everyone affected by the tragedy in Las Vegas
Rylie Goltart, injury sustained in Las Vegas
Hilda, Deb Foster’s aunt, cancer
Susan, health issues for herself and her family
T.’s sister, mourning the loss of her husband
Janine, strength and healing
Don, strength and healing
Geraldine Gomez-Pinder, continued recovery
Rachel Barry
Judy M., colon cancer
Cora Oakley
Stephanie, successful stem cell transplant
Agnes, living with cancer, healing
Gary, loss of job
Tim Byrne, successful treatment of cancer
John Hyland, continued strength and healing
Kelly Buzalski, fighting cancer
Joan, in hospice care
Janice Harris, colon cancer
Stephanie, leukemia
Carolyn, cancer
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

Serving Our Country

Pfc. Abigail Crisp, NJ Army National Guard
Jordan Dale, U.S. Marines
Sgt. Randall Ferrara, NJ Army National Guard
Staff Sgt. Steve Lantz, Army Reserves, Middle East
Lt. Karen Kraft McAllister, U.S. Navy, San Diego

On-going Prayer

Sonya Burroughs	Bob Kennaday
Shannon Bain	Barbara & Jim MacHale
Lou Cattano	Micah
Beth & Bruce Courter	Rick Radis
Erika Davis	Ms. So
Neil Eriksen	Arden Sutton
Nancy Gardner	Emma Wyman
Jack & Johnna	Ken Zippler



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 AT 7:30PM



Sunday

October 22, 2017!

Come help us Celebrate

**Morristown United Methodist Church's
Certification of being a Greater New Jersey Conference**

Safe Sanctuaries® Church

Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Followed by all church luncheon

**Main Course will be prepared for us
Salad, Side Dish, and Dessert Pot Luck**

Please bring:

Salad or Side Dish if your last name begins with A through M

Dessert if last name begins with N through Z

R.S.V.P. to Jan Buck at tbscmom@yahoo.com

Or

Church office at 973-538-2132