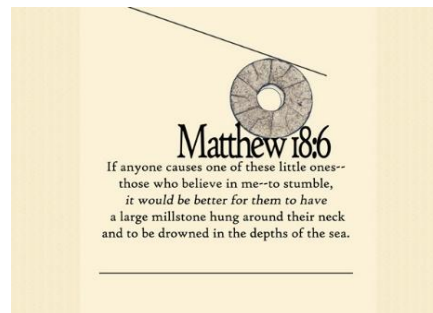


WORSHIP CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 22, 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

Laity Sunday

October 22, 2017

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

Canon in C

Pachelbel
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

Sarah A Michal

*Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too, till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Kris Hansen

Leader: We come today knowing there has been pain inflicted upon children, youth, and vulnerable adults in the world, but by our commitment to keeping this place holy and safe in every way,

People: we welcome our children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

Leader: O God, by our Church being a certified Safe Sanctuaries® church, we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of our children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

People: We welcome our children, youth, and vulnerable adults to their church home of safety and refuge.

Leader: O God, by our commitment to keep our corporate promise to our children, youth, and vulnerable adults' baptisms,

People: we welcome our children, youth, and vulnerable adults, reaffirming the promises we made to them at their baptisms!

Leader: O God, by our participation in the ministries of this congregation following our Safe Sanctuaries® Policy and Procedures,

People: we welcome our children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

Leader: O God, give us wisdom, strength, and courage enough to show the world that this is a place of safety and refuge for children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

People: We welcome our children, youth, and vulnerable adults! Amen!

† OPENING HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

No. 141

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Allison Arakelian

O loving, merciful, and ever-present God, you have led us to this very place, your holy safe refuge of love and mercy! We come to celebrate and witness your love for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults and for all of us! Open our hearts and minds as we hear what you have called us to do. Show us how to “prepare ourselves and our church be a sanctuary and refuge” for our at-risk disciples. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, giving us the courage to preserve our church as a safe and holy place, where our children, youth, and vulnerable adults may grow in faith and in the knowledge of your presence in their lives! Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Vince Cattano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader:

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believes in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes.

People:

How often have I hurt those you have sent to care for me or for children, youth, or vulnerable adults, too busy or self-absorbed to notice your invitation in their words? Forgive me, Lord, when through neglect, pre-occupation or wrongfulness, I turn my back on you. Teach me to see, to listen, and to walk with an open heart, so that I can welcome you, and answer you, when, in grace and love, you call me to follow and keep me from being the stumbling block from caring for children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: People of God, people seeking more than what is in your life today, please listen:

God holds out his hand of mercy and blesses us. He already knows all our sins, yet remains steadfast in his love for us, always hopeful that we understand our sins. Confess them and then be healed!

By his grace, you are forgiven; he takes away your guilt.

People: By his grace, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

God is Here

arr. Helen Kemp

Chancel Choir, Wesleyan Choir, Asbury Choir

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

Sarah A Michal, Crista Cattano, Victoria Cattano and Kris Hansen

RECOGNITION OF SAFE SANCTUARIES® TEAM

Andrew Cattano, Jack Scharf and Kris Hansen

HYMN

Thy Word is a Lamp

No. 601

(Children through Grade 5 leave for Sunday School.

Childcare for infants is available throughout the worship service.)

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Kris Hansen, Crista Cattano and Victoria Cattano

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Maria Cattano

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Jim Ciprich

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today, reminding us not to be a stumbling block, but rather welcome our children, youth, and vulnerable adults willing to follow where you are leading. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 19:14

Tom Dinneny

“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 18: 5-7

“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believes in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes!”

The Word of the Holy Scriptures for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

† HYMN

Sanctuary

Lord, pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu-ar-y, pure and
 Lord, pre-pare us to be a sanc-tu-ar-y, pure and
 ho-ly, tried and true. With thanks-giv-ing, I'll be a
 ho-ly, tried and true. With thanks-giv-ing, we'll be a
 liv-ing sanc-tu-ar-y for you.

SERMON

“Lord, Prepare US to Be a Sanctuary”

Kris Hansen

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kris Hansen

- Please sign your attendance and contact information in the Friendship Pad
- Visitor Center
- Safe Sanctuaries Pot Luck

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Charles Buck

We come now to the time to call for an outward sign of our gratitude for God’s ever-present and steadfast love, guidance, and grace in our lives. To have the ability to share God’s gifts to keep our children, youth, and vulnerable adults safe.

OFFERTORY

Your Raise Me Up

Josh Groban

† 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)

Charles Buck

Our always present and steadfast loving God, may our offering today help share the Word of your comfort and refuge for all but especially our children, youth, and vulnerable adults, giving enlightenment and hope to those seeking your freely given gifts. We praise and thank you in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

No. 428

† BENEDICTION

Jack Scharf

† POSTLUDE

Oh Happy Day

Edward Hawkins

Please feel free to sit and enjoy the postlude, or leave the sanctuary to greet the pastor and 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 Mona Lindemann to the glory of God. and in loving memory of Gene on the 16th Anniversary of our happiest day—October 19, 2001. Today, tomorrow, forever.

MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 22, 2017

October 29, 2017

Reformation Sunday

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

“Worship is a Lifestyle”

Pastor Brandon preaching

Special choir music celebrating the

500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

November 5, 2017

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Day

Exodus 35:5; 2 Corinthians 9:11

“Extravagant Generosity

Jack Scharf preaching

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.

TODAY IS LAITY SUNDAY. 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. **Pastor Brandon** is attending the “All the People Conference” on multi-ethnic and multi-class ministry at the UMC of All People, Columbus, Ohio. He was asked by the GNJ leadership to attend along with other vital and fruitful pastors from our area. He will be back in the office on October 24.

“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.

Morristown United Methodist Church’s Safe Sanctuaries® Core Team Members, and volunteers

Allison Arakelian
John Bellush
Charlie Buck
Jan Buck
Andrew Cattano
Maria Cattano
Vince Cattano
Brandon Cho
Jim Ciprich
Yvonne DeCicco
Holly Dinneney
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Rolf Frantz
Kris Hansen
Mona Lindemann
Sarah A Michal
Pearl Ontalan
Charles Perez
Jack Scharf
Mary Ann Scharf
John Stefanski
Cesar Torres
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This Week at MUMC

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	
11:35 a.m.	Safe Sanctuary Celebration/Luncheon	
3:30 p.m.	Nueva Esperanza	

Monday, October 23

7:30 p.m. A.A. Room 21

Tuesday, October 24

6:30 p.m. Wesleyan Choir Choir Room

Wednesday, October 25

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

Thursday, October 26

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Choir Room

Friday, October 27

5:30 p.m. Esperanza Soccer Gym

Saturday, October 28

8:30 p.m. Emmaus Reunion Wesley Room

Next Sunday, October 29

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	

- **“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.**

Attendance and Offering

October 15, 2017

Attendance
168

Offering
\$4,988.00



- 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
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
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, contined 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

ALL SAINT'S DAY, A SPECIAL CELEBRATION

*Remembering the saints among us
and those that have gone on before us*

All Saint's Day is a day of remembrance for the saints. The New Testament meaning of saints includes all Christian people of every time and place. It includes the celebration of the saints who are alive, a remembrance of those who have died, and the faith-filled connection of all the saints.



Our celebration will include the presentation of flowers in honor and memory of the saints. When you enter the sanctuary on All Saint's Day, November 5, 2017 each person will be given a flower to bring to the Lord's table later in the service. We also invite you to dedicate a flower in memory or in honor of someone by having their name printed in the All Saint's Day bulletin. If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of flowers, you may attach it to this dedication sheet.

Please have these dedication requests into the office by **October 30**. They may be sent to the office or put in the offering plate.

Optional: I would like to make a donation of _____ toward the cost of flowers. (Flowers cost approximately \$1.00 per stem.)

These flowers are given by: _____
(Your name)

(IN HONOR OF)

(IN HONOR OF)

(IN HONOR OF)

(IN HONOR OF)

(IN MEMORY OF)

(IN MEMORY OF)

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