

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 29, 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

Reformation Sunday

Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Movement

October 29, 2017

10:15 a.m.

† Please stand, as you are able.

Centering Words (Matthew 22)

*Called to live; called to serve; called to be kingdom people:
Let us love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind.
And let us love our neighbors as we love ourselves.*

PRELUDE

Onward, Christian Soldiers

arr. Robert J. Powell
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, verse 1
(original rhythm—see insert)*

Sarah A Michal

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Leader: Five hundred years ago, a pastor and monk named Martin Luther, working in an obscure college in the obscure town of Wittenburg, Germany, took a stand on scripture to make the church a better witness.

People: He did so without fear, trusting God, his refuge and strength.

Leader: Today, we celebrate the bravery of Luther and Calvin and Zwingli, and many other leaders who, by trusting God, transformed the Church.

People: We celebrate those who trust in God.

† OPENING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

No. 102

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Matt Zeller

Eternal Mystery,

**before the mountains were brought forth,
and before you formed the earth and seas,
you are God.**

**You make us like grass,
which flourishes in the morning
and fades in the evening.**

**In the blink of an eye,
you turn us back to dust,
for a thousand years in your sight
are like a watch in the night.**

**Restore us with your blessings, O Lord,
and heal us with your favor.**

**Make our works prosper,
for we are your people,
and you are our God. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jack Scharf

**Eternal God, like a mighty glacier, your love moves all that stands before it.
As we struggle to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, be patient with us.
For we bear deep wounds from offering love to those who have hurt us.
Nurture us in your healing love, that our fears may hold no sway over us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: We have been entrusted with God's commandment to love as we have been loved. In fulfilling the law of love, we fulfill the law and the prophets. In fulfilling the law of love, we find forgiveness and peace.

**People: In fulfilling the law of love, we find forgiveness and peace in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES
BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

Dr. Cho

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER
SHARING OF JOYS AND PRAYER NEEDS
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Cho

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 OF PREPARATION

Out of the Depths I Cry to You

No. 515

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Matt Zeller

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

John 4:23-24

Matt Zeller

But the hour is coming, and is now here, **when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth**, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, **and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.**

Matthew 22:37-40

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. **This is the greatest and first commandment.** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**"

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

DEVOTION

"Worship is a Lifestyle"

Dr. Cho

CANTATA

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 80b
Cantata for Reformation Day

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

1. Choral
A mighty fortress is our God
2. Aria (Soprano, Basso)
*With all our strength is nothing done
All those born of God are praising*
3. Recitativo (Basso)
Consider now, believer, God's great love unending
4. Aria (Soprano)
Come and abide with me
5. Choral
And should the world with devil's host
6. Recitativo (Tenore)
Be steadfast and remain with Jesus' crimson banner
7. Duetto (Alto, Tenore)
How blest are those who will
8. Choral
The word of God no foe can harm

Jane Rehmke, *soprano*; Jan Buck, *alto*; Charles Buck, *tenor*; Chris Nagy, *tenor*; Matthew Michal, *bass*
The MUMC Chancel Choir
Jennifer Yang, *organ*; Sarah A Michal, *conductor*

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Stewardship Letter

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Todd Kendall

† 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

We have heard what we must do: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself." May the offerings we bring this day be a sign of our commitment to be known by our love. Bless these offerings and our loving in your holy name, we pray. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

No. 110

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

Pastor: God's love sends us forth.

People: God's love sets us free.

Pastor: God's love makes us whole.

People: God's love brings us hope.

Pastor: God with God's blessing; go and bring healing and hope to our world.

† POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. Marianne Kim



THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE THE CHANCEL are given by Virginia Lyttle to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents.

MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 29, 2017

November 5, 2017
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Day
 Exodus 35:5; 2 Corinthians 9:11
“Extravagant Generosity
 Jack Scharf preaching

November 12, 2017
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
 Luke 19:1-10
“When Jesus Met Mr. Z”
 Pastor Brandon preaching

WELCOME! A special welcome to our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please go to the WELCOME CENTER to receive your “welcome gift” and information packet about our church. Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for refreshments and good conversation.

TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY. Today marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation Movement of the Church. Our service commemorates this special time of our church history. Our thanks to the Chancel Choir for their special Reformation music presentation.

NEXT SUNDAY Jack Scharf will be preaching. His sermon topic is “Extravagant Generosity.”

PASTOR BRANDON will be visiting his ill father and ailing mother in Honolulu this Tuesday, October 31 and will return on Thursday, November 9. Our prayers for his parents go with him. While he is away, Pastor Charles Perez, Jack Scharf and Kris Hansen will provide urgent pastoral care. Please contact them or call the church office.

“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 22, 2015	
<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
126	\$3,515.00

Church Staff

Senior PastorRev. Dr. Brandon Cho
Associate Pastor	Pastor Charles Perez
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This Week at MUMC

Sunday, October 29—Reformation 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	
	Pastor Brandon preaching	
11:35 a.m.	Asbury Choir	Choir Room
3:30 p.m.	Nueva Esperanza	

Monday, October 30

7:30 p.m.	A.A.	Room 21
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Tuesday, October 31



NO Wesleyan Choir

Wednesday, November 1

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

Thursday, November 2

7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
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Friday, November 3

5:30 p.m.	Esperanza Soccer	Gym
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Saturday, November 4

8:30 p.m.	Emmaus Reunion	Wesley Room
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Next Sunday, November 5—All Saints' Sunday

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- **“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
Leslie Raff, recovery from a fall
Les Sutton, continued recovery from a fall
Rob W., to find peace and God's direction
Hilda, Deb Foster's aunt, cancer
Susan, health issues for herself and her family
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 MEMORY OF)

(IN MEMORY OF)