

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JANUARY 14, 2018
10:15 A.M.



Morristown United Church
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.*

January 14, 2018

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

arr. Roy Brunner
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

The Call

Sarah A Michal
No. 164

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life, such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: God calls our name.

People: We wonder who is calling.

Leader: God calls our name.

People: We go another way.

Leader: God calls our name.

People: We long to be here.

Leader: God calls our name.

People: We will listen for God's word.

† OPENING HYMN

This Is My Father's World

No. 144

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Jack Scharf

Creator God, you know us better than we can know ourselves.

You understand our thoughts, our desires, our joys, and our struggles.

You call to us, inviting us to listen to your word.

You speak your word, calling us into a deeper relationship with you.

Open our hearts, that we may hear you clearly.

Strengthen our spirit, that we may have the courage to answer your call.

Be present in this time of worship and draw us closer to you. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Cho

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, you have created our bodies, knitting together each part, weaving us into marvelous beings. Yet we fail to honor this gift. We neglect our bodies and our health. We eat what is not good. We sit too long and are too busy to exercise. We value ideas more than health. Remind us that our bodies are your precious gift, and that your Holy Spirit dwells within us. Help us reclaim a sense of wonder and delight as we care for our bodies. Restore and remake us this day, that our bodies may join our spirits in witnessing to your love. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Our bodies are part of Christ's body; they are temples of the Holy Spirit.

Rejoice, for God knows us and works within us. We are wonderfully made by God's love!

People: In the name of Christ Jesus, we believe that we are wonderfully made by God's love.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

God is Calling Us
Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Dr. Cho

(Children up to the age of 7 may gather in the Narthex as they go to Room 22 for Children's Time.)

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

In the Garden

No. 314

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Jack Scharf

Faithful God, as your word is proclaimed, we pray for purity of heart, mind, and action. Through the gift of your message, breathe your Spirit within our lives, in the name of the one who came to embody your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:43-51

Jack Scharf

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. **He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, **"We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."** Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" **Philip said to him, "Come and see."** When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" **Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?"** Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." **Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"** Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? **You will see greater things than these.**" And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

He is Calling You

Dr. Cho

† PASSING THE PEACE

HOLY COMMUNION

See Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Cho

- Blood Drive
- Skylands District Foundational Leadership Training—January 20, 2018
- Music at Noon continues in January; mark your calendars for Abendmusik
- Rummage Sale—March 3, 2018

Victoria Cattano

Andrew Cattano

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Marianne Kim

† DOXOLOGY

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Holy God, you create us and love us still. You call us by name and give us all that we need. May we honor you with the gifts that we bring. Use them to share your love with a broken world, and use us as agents of your grace. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

No. 593

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

God calls to us.
God needs us to speak words of truth.
God invites us to follow.
Be still. Listen for God's voice.
Go forth with courage, for God has blessed you. Amen.

† POSTLUDE

Theme from "Finlandia"

Jean Sibelius

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 Sydney and Howard Leach to the glory of God, and in loving memory of his mother, Ruth Jordan Leach.

THE FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2018 IS IN PLACE IN THE NARTHEX. Please consider honoring a loved one on any Sunday. The cost for the two arrangements is \$70.00, and any given Sunday may be shared with the agreement of both donors.

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MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
January 14, 2018

January 21, 2018

Third Sunday after Epiphany

“Working Your Way Down the Ladder”

Philippians 2:1-11

Rev. Dr. Steve Bechtold preaching

January 28, 2018

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

“The Authoritative Word”

Mark 1: 21-28

Jack Scharf preaching

WELCOME EVERYBODY! Our special welcome to our guests in worship today. 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 ministry. See you next Sunday!

SIGN UP FOR A NEW YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS today. Pastor Brandon is starting a new Youth Confirmation class—please speak to Pastor Brandon if you are interested.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION—tomorrow, Monday, at 12 noon at the Calvary Baptist Church, 10 Martin Luther King Avenue. Rev. Charles Perez, our Associate Pastor, will lead the invocation. Please join the service if you can. **The church office will be closed.**

NEXT SUNDAY, Dr. Steve Bechtold, our Skylands District Superintendent, will be the guest preacher. Please join in welcoming him and hear his message.

NEXT SUNDAY, we will dedicate all the church leaders for 2018. All the elected officers, committee chairpersons, ministry team leaders, Youth Ministry leaders and Sunday School leaders are all invited to join the celebration.

Music At Noon concerts continue in January ...

Thursdays at 12:15 p.m.

Light luncheon available for purchase before concerts, 11:30-12:10

Lunch \$8/\$7 seniors; Concerts \$7/\$6 seniors suggested donation



A Musical Heritage
Joel Fan, *piano*

January 18
January 25
Chopin and Lizst

Nancie Lederer, *violin*
Pauline Lederer, *piano*



Marnie Kaller, *cello*
Rick Kaller, *piano*

Join us!

This Week at MUMC

Sunday, , January 14, 2018

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club Wesley Room
- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Library
- 10:15 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Brandon
- 11:30 a.m. Chili sales
- 11:35 a.m. Asbury Choir Choir Room
- 3:30 p.m. Nueva Esperanza

Monday, January 15—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Office closed

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

Tuesday, January 16

- 6:30 p.m. Wesleyan Choir Choir Room

Wednesday, January 17

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

Thursday, January 18

- 11:30 a.m. Music at Noon Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Music at Noon Concert
Joel Fan, piano

Friday, January 19

- 2:00 p.m. Blood Drive Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Soccer Ministry Gym

Saturday, January 20

- 8:30 a.m. Emmaus Reunion Asbury Room

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- 11:35 a.m. Asbury Choir Choir Room
- 11:45 a.m. Staff Parish Relations Wesley Room
- 2:00 p.m. Emmaus Board
- 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.**

Attendance and Offering January 7, 2018

Attendance
118

Offering
\$3,807.00



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

Lou Cattano, undergoing treatment for kidney transplant rejection
Tommy M., lung transplant
Evelyn Davis, good outcome
Janine, healing
Connor, good outcome
Les Sutton, continued recovery
Cathy’s father, healing
Christine and Marcus, healing
Erico family, mother of four battling terminal cancer
John Leding, strength and healing
William E. Hettrick, prostate cancer
Rob W., to find peace and God’s direction
Hilda, Deb Foster’s aunt, cancer
Judy M., colon cancer
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

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



Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Turn your hearts to God.

We turn to God with songs of praise.

Let us thank God for everything.

Thanks be to God for all of God's love!

Creating God, you spoke your word,
and the world came into being.

Stars and planets, rocks and rivers,
creatures great and small—
all reflect your mighty acts of creative love.

You called forth life,

Beckoning creation toward beauty and grace.

Throughout the ages you called to your people—
prophets and sages, elders and children,
women and men, wise and foolish.

You call each of us by name,

Inviting us to live in the fullness of your love.

Yet, we turn away from you,
refusing to accept responsibility
for our words and our actions.

And still, you call us back to abundant life.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus
to walk beside us.

In him we see clearly who you really are.

Jesus called to the disciples,
inviting them to follow him
as he walked among us.

Jesus knew and loved the disciples,
as you know and love us today,
even in our brokenness.

He used ordinary people to carry your truth
Into the world.

As his life here on earth drew to a close,
and as his death drew near,

Jesus gathered with his friends around a table.

He took bread, made from wheat and yeast.

He blessed and broke it.

He told his friends:

"I am the bread of life.

**As you eat this bread,
take me into your life.**

Always remember me."

He took the cup, filled with wine
made from grapes.

He thanked you for it and said:

"I am the vine. This is the cup of forgiveness.

As you drink this cup,

I am with you forever.

Always remember me."

Send your Spirit upon us,

and transform us by your grace,
that we may be the body of Christ,
sharing your love and forgiveness
with all.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of the earth:
wheat and grapes, bread and wine.

May they feed us with the bread of heaven.
and the cup of forgiveness.

May they become Jesus Christ, living within us.

Open our eyes,

that we may see heaven opening,
spilling forth grace and beauty
on the earth.

May Jesus Christ live among us.

May your Spirit grow within us.

May you be with us, now and forevermore.

Amen.

FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF AND COURAGEOUS
WAR ROOM
PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

Join Us For Dinner And A Movie!
Saturday Night January 27th 5~8 p.m.
Fellowship Hall at Morristown United Methodist Church
Bring a Dish to Share
Childcare Provided

The movie, originally released in 2015, follows the story of Tony and Elizabeth Jordan who have it all—great jobs, a beautiful daughter, and their dream house. But appearances can be deceiving. Tony and Elizabeth Jordan’s world is actually crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. While Tony basks in his professional success and flirts with temptation, Elizabeth resigns herself to increasing bitterness. But their lives take an unexpected turn when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara, and is challenged to establish a “war room” and a battle plan of prayer for her family. As Elizabeth tries to fight for her family, Tony’s hidden struggles come to light. Tony must decide if he will make amends to his family and prove Miss Clara’s wisdom that victories don’t come by accident.



RSVP to Holly Dinneny
hdinneny@optonline.net/201-230-7258

The Couples’ Connection will do a five-session Saturday night program Room on the following dates: **February 24, March 24, April 28, May 19** compelling drama and small group study explore the power that prayer marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of life.



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Morristown Community WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, January 19th

2pm – 8pm

Morristown United Methodist Church

50 South Park Place, Morristown

free parking is available in back of the church



JANUARY IS NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH!

Your blood donation will help a local student earn a college scholarship!

10% off South Street Creamery coupon for each donor!!

Please remember to eat, drink & bring your NYBC DONOR ID CARD!
16 year olds must have signed NJBS Parental Consent Form signed

WALK INS WELCOME!

To schedule an appointment & more information:

www.tinyurl.com/DonateBloodNJBS

Group Code: 69189



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