

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 11, 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.*

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

February 11, 2018

Transfiguration Sunday

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

Centering Words

*Chariots and horses of fire. . .a prophet taken up into heaven. . .a gospel unveiled. . .
Moses, Elijah, and Jesus shining brighter than the sun. . .the time approaches and now is.
Watch. . .listen. . .perceive. . .God is with us. Nothing is as it seems.*

PRELUDE

Prelude in Eb Major

Alexandre Guilmant
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

Sarah A Michal

*All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine, didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let every tongue confess with one accord in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: The glory of God is too great for you to bear.

People: We are not afraid. We will not turn back.

Leader: Their mystery of God runs too deep for you to fathom.

People: We are not deterred. We will not turn back.

Leader: The fiery chariot of Elijah is not for mortal sight to see.

People: We are blessed with the eyes of faith. We will not turn back.

Leader: Come then, and worship our God, who took Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind.

People: We will worship the Lord, who transfigured Moses, Elijah and Jesus to shine like the sun.

† OPENING HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

No. 173

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Hayoung Kang

God of mighty tempest and devouring fire, you come to us shrouded in mystery.

**Just as Elisha followed Elijah until he was taken up into heaven, we will follow Christ up the
mountain to behold his glory.**

Who are Moses and Elijah that we should not join their ranks among the faithful?

What is to prevent us from shining with Christ this very day?

**Give us eyes and ears of faith, Holy One, that we may see the heavens open and hear your voice,
calling us to follow your Son. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jack Scharf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of mystery, the mountaintop seems so far away as we stand in its shadow.

**In our journey of faith, we yearn to have the courage of Elisha, who followed Elijah with a hope and
faith that did not falter; we long to hear answers to questions that are only known at the end of the
road.**

Will we see your presence in the whirlwind?

Will we see the fiery chariot connect heaven and earth?

Will we even have the courage to look up?

Will we receive a double portion of spirit from those who brought us up in the faith?

May it be so, O God.

May it be so.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Through the light of the one who was transfigured to show us the power and glory of God, we find a way through the wilderness of our doubt and confusion; we find strength for the journey and courage for the road ahead.

People: In the name of Christ Jesus, we find strength for the journey and courage for the road ahead. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

For the Beauty of the Earth
Jubilation Ringers

arr. Joel Raney

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Rev. Charles Perez

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

All Souls Give Glory to My God

No. 198

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Hayoung Kang

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

Mark 9:2-9

Hayoung Kang

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. **And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.** And there appeared to them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. **Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."** He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, **"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"** Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates
Chancel Choir

G. F. Handel

SERMON

"Transfigured in Glory"

Rev. Charles Perez

† PASSING THE PEACE

(During this active flu season, we invite you to warmly greet each other verbally, and without physical touch such as hugging or handshaking. Thank you.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Cho

- Abendmusik—The London Trio on February 17; Echoing Air on March 17
- Rummage Sale—March 3, 2018

Sarah A Michal

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

Chorale in G Major

Alexandre Guilmant

† 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)

Jack Scharf

Our God of Light and Love, thank you for blessing us with your radiance and the vitality of your love. Illumine these gifts we have brought, that the world may see your light shining through our offering and ministry. In Jesus’ precious name we pray. Amen.

† HYMN

Christ Is the World’s Light

No. 188

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

† POSTLUDE

Grand Chorus

Alexandre Guilmant

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 Mary Ann and Jack Scharf to the glory of God, and in honor of Ellen Zanetti—wishing her a speedy recovery.

THE FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2018 IS IN PLACE. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CALENDAR HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE BULLETIN BOARD NEAR THE COURTYARD. 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
February 11, 2018

February 18, 2018
First Sunday of Lent
"Who Is Jesus?"
Matthew 16:3-16
Pastor Brandon preaching

February 25, 2018
Second Sunday of Lent
"What Matters Most?"
Mark 12:28-34
Pastor Brandon 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!



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

February 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for this special service to kick off the Lenten Season.

ABENDMUSIK CONCERT

February 17, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

The London Trio

Carla Auld, flute

Gabriel Schaff, violin

Lanny Paykin, cello



We will be putting together college care boxes next Sunday, February 18th, after church. We are looking for donations of "goodies" to put in the boxes...(snacks or Valentine's Day theme items). We are putting together 15-20 packages. Items can be left in the church office or brought to church next Sunday. Please mark items "College Care."

This Week at MUMC

Sunday, February 11

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 Charles	
11:35 a.m.	Asbury Choir	Choir Room
11:45 a.m.	VBS Meeting	Asbury Room
3:30 p.m.	Nueva Esperanza	

Monday, February 12

6:00 p.m.	Market Street Mission	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	A.A.	Room 21

Tuesday, February 13

6:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees	Wesley Room
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Wednesday, February 14

4:00 p.m.	Soccer Ministry	Gym
6:00 p.m.	Wesleyan Choir	Choir Room
7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	

Thursday, February 15

7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
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Friday, February 16

5:30 p.m.	Soccer Ministry	Gym
7:00 p.m.	Youth Social Event	

Saturday, February 17

8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
8:30 a.m.	Emmaus Reunion	Wesley Room
7:30 p.m.	Abendmusik Concert— The London Trio	

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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.**

Attendance and Offering February 4, 2018

Attendance
139

Offering
\$4,332.00



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

Our Church Family and Friends

Family and friends of Jim MacHale, mourning his death
Family and friends of Clive Coutts, Sr., mourning his death

Ellen Zanetti, continued recovery
Lou Cattano, undergoing treatment for kidney issues
Tommy M., lung transplant
Steve Mueller, upcoming back surgery
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
Frank, strength and healing
Judy M., colon cancer
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, Hospice Care
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 MacHale
Beth & Bruce Courter	Micah
Erika Davis	Rick Radis
Neil Eriksen	Ms. So
Nancy Gardner	Arden & Les Sutton
Jack & Johnna	Emma Wyman
	Ken Zippler