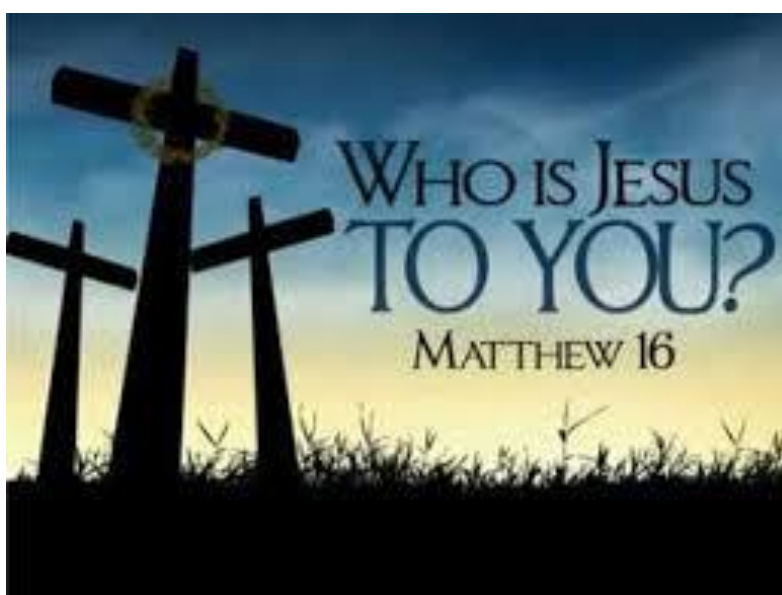


WORSHIP CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 18, 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 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

Centering Words

Your pathways are loving and faithful, Holy One.

PRELUDE

Nearer, my God, to Thee

arr. Lowell Mason
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Sarah A Michal
No. 521

*I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Lead us in the way of truth, O God.

People: Show us your holy pathways.

Leader: Your way is steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: Teach us to follow where you lead.

Leader: We trust in your way, O Lord.

People: To you, we lift up your souls.

† OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

No. 145

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Jack Tironi

God of rainbow promises, we seek to know your ways of love and truth.

As we walk with Jesus in this season of Lent through our wilderness journeys, your Holy Spirit is with us, as it was with Jesus at the Jordan River.

Help us clearly perceive the pathway that proclaims your kindness and your kingdom.

Help us undertake the journey within to the source of our best selves, that we may remember anew that you are with us, in us, and near us, on every step of life's journey.

God Emmanuel. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Down in My Heart
Kids of the Kingdom

Traditional

CALL TO CONFESSION

Matt Zeller

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We long to be known by you at our best, Holy One.

We long to hear the words, "You are my beloved child, with you I am well pleased."

Yet, we remember times when our words or our actions have hurt your heart or the hearts of others.

For these acts, forgive us, we pray.

We remember, too, when we have caused harm by failing to act or by failing to speak.

For these inactions, forgive us, we pray.

SILENT REFLECTION
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Our God renews and restores us in loving kindness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

I Am the Resurrection and the Life
Chancel Choir

Kevin J. Sadowski

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Jack Tironi

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER
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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

No. 361

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Matt Zeller

Lead us in your truths, O God. Teach us your ways and your paths. Instruct us through your word, as we humbly receive your message. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:1-16

Matt Zeller

The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. **He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.** An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." **Then he left them and went away.**

When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. Jesus said to them, "Watch out, and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." **They said to one another, "It is because we have brought no bread."** And becoming aware of it, Jesus said, "You of little faith, why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? How could you fail to perceive that I was not speaking about bread? Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees!" **Then they understood that he had not told them to beware of the yeast of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" **And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, **"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."**

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Who is Jesus?"

Dr. Cho

† 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

- Friendship Pads
- Reconciling Ministry Meeting—February 25
- Abendmusik—Echoing Air on March 17; MUMC Chancel Choir “Messiah” on April 21
- Rummage Sale—March 3, 2018
- “Take the Lead”—Tools for Laity (Resource Day for the Northern Region), Saturday, March 3, 2018, 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at Bethany UMC, Wayne

Jack Scharf

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

This is My Father’s World

arr. Franklin Sheppard

† 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

Bless these gifts we offer this day. Through these offerings, may the blessings of your Spirit flow to every corner of the world, that all people may know they are your beloved children. In Jesus’ name we honor you. Amen.

† HYMN

’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

No. 462

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

† POSTLUDE

The Solid Rock

arr. Don Hustad

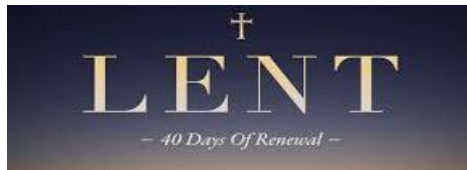
Please feel free to sit and enjoy the postlude, or leave the sanctuary to greet the pastor and other church friends at the door. All are welcome to join for a time of fellowship over refreshments in Fellowship Hall.



THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE THE CHANCEL are given by Judy and John Bellush to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Allen DeCola.

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.

MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
February 18, 2018



A Sermon Series for Lent 2018: “**Seven Essential Questions**”

Both lifelong Christians and people on the edges of the church have some of the same basic questions about life and faith. Lent is the perfect time to explore these questions, leading up to the big question that is answered with Easter: Is there hope for life and life beyond death?

February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent
“Who Is Jesus?”
Matthew 16:3-17

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent
“What Matters Most?”
Mark 12:28-34

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent
“Am I Accepted?”
John 8:1-11

March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent
“Where is God?”
John 1:1-5, 14

March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Lent
“What Brings Fulfillment?”
John 13:1-5, 13-17

Welcome Everybody! Our special warm welcome to our guests and friends. We are glad that we can worship God together today. Please go to the WELCOME CENTER (located in the indoor courtyard on your left as you leave the sanctuary) and receive a welcome gift and more information about our church and its people, fellowship and ministry opportunities. See you again next Sunday.

We will be putting together 15-20 college care packages today after worship. We would welcome any help you might like to offer.



ABENDMUSIK CONCERT

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

Echoing Air



An Early Music vocal ensemble with Baroque instruments.

This Week at MUMC



Sunday, February 18

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	
11:35 a.m.	Asbury Choir	Choir Room
3:30 p.m.	Nueva Esperanza	

Monday, February 19—PRESIDENT’S DAY

Office Closed

7:30 p.m.	A.A.	Room 21
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Tuesday, February 20

Wednesday, February 21

4:00 p.m.	Soccer Ministry	Gym
6:00 p.m.	Wesleyan Choir	Choir Room
7:00 p.m.	Jubilation Ringers	

Thursday, February 22

7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
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Friday, February 23

5:30 p.m.	Soccer Ministry	Gym
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Saturday, February 24

8:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
8:30 a.m.	Emmaus Reunion	Wesley Room

Next Sunday, February 25

RUMMAGE SALE SET UP ALL AFTERNOON

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9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club	Wesley Room
9:00 a.m.	Bible Study	Library
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12:00 p.m.	Reconciling Ministry	Library
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 February 11, 2018

Attendance
139

Offering
\$4,620.00

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

Our Church Family and Friends

Steve Mueller, recovery following back surgery
Ellen Zanetti, continued recovery
Lou Cattano, undergoing treatment for kidney issues
Tommy M., lung transplant
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, contined 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

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