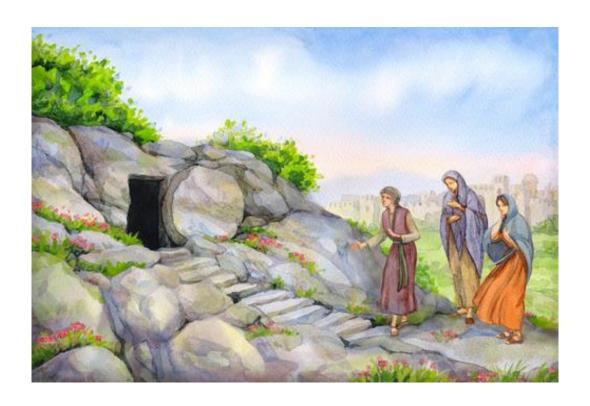
# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**APRIL 1, 2018** 

**PALM SUNDAY** 

10:15 A.M.



He is Risen!



# 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**

April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday 10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

Centering Words (John 20)

When grief holds sway and you feel lost and abandoned. . .join Mary and the women in the garden, as they cast aside their funeral spices to rejoice in awe and wonder.

Fear is healed by hope this day. Death is swallowed up in victory.

PRELUDE Grand Chœur Dialogué

Eugène Gigout

Organ and Brass Quartet

† INTROIT

The Strife is O'er Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Sarah A Michal

No. 306

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia! The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead; all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **People: Christ is risen indeed!** 

Leader: Open the gates of justice and righteousness, that we may give thanks to God.

People: Today we enter the gates of the Holy One as the body of Christ.

Leader: We are called to do justice and love kindness. **People: Today is the day of celebration and promise.** 

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **People: Christ is risen indeed!** 

† OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

No. 302

arr. Hal H. Hopson

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Iim Ciprich

God of mystery and might, when we dread the dawn of grief and pain, Surprise us with the light of your wondrous love.

We come to the tomb expecting death, but find life instead.

As we behold the glory of our salvation, take us to that moment of faith

When fear was healed by hope, and death was swallowed up by life.

In the holy awe of Easter morning, may our hearts rest in silent gratitude

Before they shout that Christ is alive and has called us by name.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kris Hansen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

During the week of his passion and death, we turned away from your Son, O God.

Even after Christ shared table with us, we shrank into the shadows of uncertainty.

But we are here now, our merciful Lord. As we profess the depth of gratitude for being called as your disciples, may our living reflect your Resurrection Power. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God, who raised Jesus from the dead, offers us life with Christ and forgiveness in his name. So, rise in his mercy into new life.

People: Yes, we rise in his mercy into new life. Praise the Lord!

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Victoria Cattano

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Cho Kris Hansen

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 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

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

No. 304

arr. James Biery

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Jim Ciprich

God of life and hope, as we prepare to listen to the Easter story once more, help us to receive it as your life-giving word and promise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-7

Jim Ciprich

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him, the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** 

Sunday Has Come and Jesus Lives!

arr. Thornhill

Chancel Choir, Jubilation Ringers, and Brass Quartet

EASTER MESSAGE

"Is There Hope?"

Dr. Cho

† PASSING THE PEACE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Dr. Cho

- Friendship Pad
- A new Sermon Series, "Modern Family Values"
- Messiah Concert on April 21
- New Small Group

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

Low in the Grave He Lay

arr. Franklin Ritter

† 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.

## † PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Kris Hansen

God of new life and power, we offer all that we have, and all that we are, in amazed gratitude for the gift of resurrection—in our lives, and in our world. May these offerings be used to renew your people's hearts and lives, and bring hope to your world. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

Thine Be the Glory

No. 308

arr. Hal H. Hopson

(During the singing of this hymn, people who have sung the Hallelujah Chorus before are invited to join the choir in the loft for the Benediction Response. Sopranos and basses are on the audience left; altos and tenors are on the audience right.)

† BENEDICTION Dr. Cho

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus Chancel & Wesleyan Choirs G. F. Handel

† POSTLUDE

Toccata from Suite Gothíque, op. 25

Léon Boëllmann

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

We welcome our guest instrumentalists in worship today.

Thank you for your presence and musicianship.

Trumpets: Gene Gurick and Don Pfleger

Trombones: Jay Shanman and Tom Kamp

Timpani: Jason Carroll



**THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE THE CHANCEL** are given by members and friends to the Glory of God and in tribute to loved ones.

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## MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH April 1, 2018—Easter Sunday



## A new sermon series "Modern Family Values" begins next Sunday!

Everyone is in a family and every family struggles to nurture a network of healthy, encouraging relationships. This sermon series will give you encouragement and wisdom to make your family life healthier and blessed. Join us.

### **April 8, 2018**

Second Sunday after Easter "Valuing Love" 1 Corinthians 13:13 Pastor Brandon preaching

### **April 29, 2018**

Fifth Sunday after Easter "Clear Communication" Proverbs 12:18 Pastor Brandon preaching

### **April 15, 2018**

Third Sunday after Easter "Offering Forgiveness" Matthew 18:21-22 Kevin Vance preaching

## May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday after Easter "Truth About Honesty" Acts 5:1-11 Jubilation Ringers Sue Puma preaching

## **April 22, 2018**

Fourth Sunday after Easter "Accepting Responsibility" Ephesians 5:15
Pastor Brandon preaching

## May 13, 2018

Seventh Sunday after Easter "Jesus' Family Values" Mark 3:31-35 Wesleyan & Asbury Choirs Pastor Brandon preaching

Happy and Blessed Easter Everyone! We welcome all of you, especially new friends who are visiting our church in worship. We are so glad to celebrate this Easter together with you. Join us again next Sunday

<u>Are you interested in becoming a member of our congregation?</u> A new membership class will be offered for anyone who wants to make this church their home church, or wants to learn more about our church. Please see Pastor Brandon or Jack Scharf.

There will be a short church conference meeting on April 17 at 11:45 in the Wesley Room.

## ABENDMUSIK CONCERT

April 21, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
MUMC Chancel Choir and Orchestra



Abendmusik's Concert Series Grand Finale! Celebrating Christ's life and ministry with the Easter portions of **Handel's Messiah** 

# This Week at MUMC

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday No Sunday School

7:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Fellowship Hall

10:15 a.m. Worship Service3:30 p.m. Nueva Esperanza

Monday, April 2 Office closed

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

Tuesday, April 3

7:00 p.m. Council on Ministries Wesley Room

Wednesday, April 4

4:00 p.m. Soccer Ministry Gym

7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers Asbury Room

Thursday, April 5

6:30 p.m. Wesleyan Choir Choir Room 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Choir Room

Friday, April 6

5:30 p.m. Soccer Ministry Gym

Saturday, April 7

8:30 a.m. Emmaus Reunion Wesley Room

Next Sunday, April 8

9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club

Adult Education

Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

11:35 a.m. Asbury Choir Choir Room 11:45 a.m. Staff Parish Relations Wesley Room 12:00 p.m. VBS Meeting Asbury Room

3:30 p.m. Nueva Esperanza

- "LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" The broadcast of our services may be seen on <u>Cable Channel 21 each Sunday at 3:00 p.m.</u>
- **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 March 25, 2018

**<u>Attendance</u>** 177 **<u>Offering</u>** \$5,041.00



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

## **Our Church Family and Friends**

Emily Bellush Heggenstaller, pregnancy issues

Joy Bellush, in Hospice Care

Terry M., strength and healing

Lisa, healing

Nina, healing

Steve Mueller, continued recovery

Lou Cattano, undergoing treatment for kidney issues

Jeff, cancer

Erico family, mother of four battling terminal cancer

John Leding, strength and healing

William E. Hettrick, prostate cancer

Frank, strength and healing

**Agnes,** living with cancer, healing

Judy M., colon cancer

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, successful cancer treatment

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

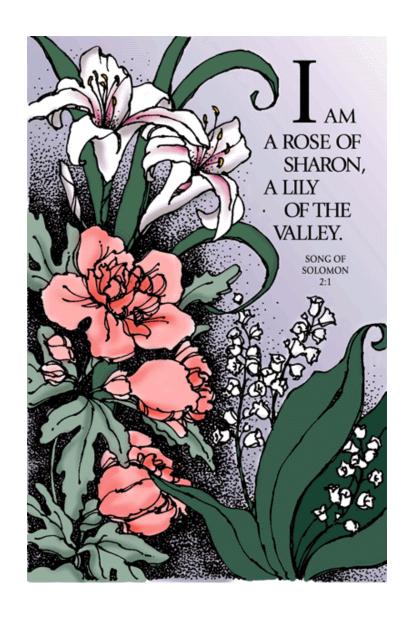
Lt. Karen Kraft McAllister, U.S. Navy, San Diego

#### **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
Jack & Johnna
Emma Wyman
Ken Zippler



CASTER 2018



His sister, Lois Joy Abbey, from Sydney and Howard Leach Her parents, Margaret Ann and Harvey Allen, from Judy and John Bellush Joshua Taylor Arakelian —With love, Mom, Dad, Hailey and Alex Lucy, Arthur, and Susan Arakelian —Love, Rich, Allison, Hailey and Alex Her grandparents, Allon and Nellie Carter, with love from Sarah and Matt Michal My husband Charles Cattano, from Bonnie Cattano My parents and beloved family members, from Bonnie Cattano, My friend, Carol Conway, from Carol Ferraro Allen DeCola, from Judy and John Bellush His mother, Annie Dinneny, from Tom Dinneny My beloved husband, William (Bill) Earls, from Sue Earls My husband, Tom Ferraro, from Carol Ferraro Missy Frantz, from Rolf, Nancy, Eric and Bryce Frantz His mom, Clara Friant, from Emmy Lu and Jerry Friant Alfredo and Ruth Gomez, from Pearl Ontalan Jessica Hiltabidle, from Sarah Michal Virginia Kenworthy, from Amanda and Greg Kraft Michael and Ann Laba, from Mike and Jackie Laba My sweet brother Larry, from Loretta His brother, Jordan Leach, from Sydney and Howard Leach

My beloved husband Gene, from Mona Lindemann Tim, Beth, and Dennis Long, from Amanda and Greg Kraft

His parents, Ruth and Howard Leach, from Sydney and Howard Leach

Alan Lyttle, from Virginia Lyttle

Jim MacHale, from Susan Coutts

My parents, Emilio and Haydee Molina, from Carol Ferraro

Jim Morris, from David and Teresa Mitchell

Henry and Wilma Mortensen, from Virginia Lyttle

John E. and Elizabeth P. Mueller, from Lillian and Steve Mueller

Francisco and Nemesia Ontalan, from Pearl Ontalan

Jean's parents, Sidney and Florence Parker, from the Stubaus family

My parents, Ralph and Miriam Perry, from Sue Earls

Her parents, Grace and Kenneth Reeve, from Sydney and Howard Leach

Her mom, Maude Reich, and her sister Sally, from Emmy Lu and Jerry Friant

Jack and Josephine Squillace, from Mike and Jackie Laba
Lil's sister, Kathleen Strain, from Lillian and Steve Mueller
"Nonnie," from the Stubaus family
Glenn's parents, Lawrence and Dorothy Stubaus, from the Stubaus family
Loved ones, from Steve and Kathy Talbert
My parents, May and Yet Pang Tom, from Cherry Tom
My friend, Roseann Traynor, from Carol Ferraro
James VanderSande, Sr., from Lou and Phyllis VanderSande



## Given in Honor of:

Her family, Mark, Tina and Olivia Carter, from Sarah and Matt Michal My children, grand and great-grandchildren, from Bonnie Cattano Our mom, Bonnie Cattano, from Andrew, Lou, and John Paul Clive Coutts, Jr., from Susan Coutts Kayla and Kyler Coutts, from Susan Coutts Holly Dinney, from Tom Dinneny Our granddaughter, Bryce Frantz, from Rolf and Nancy Frantz Jerry and Emmy Lu Friant, from David and Teresa Mitchell Rev. & Mrs. Daniel Klement, from Lillian and Steve Mueller Mona Lindemann, from Mary Ann and Jack Scharf Sarah Michal, from Mary Ann and Jack Scharf Grandma and Grandpa Midboe, from the Miller Family Grammy and Grandad Miller, from the Miller Family Lil's California Family, from Lillian and Steve Mueller My parents, Mary and Jon Nickerson, from Ruth Powell Kevin's parents, Mary and Ray Powell, from Ruth Powell Family and friends from the Stubaus family Bea and Dave Sullivan, from Lillian and Steve Mueller Cesar Torres, from Mary Ann and Jack Scharf Sue and Kevin Vance, from Mary Ann and Jack Scharf