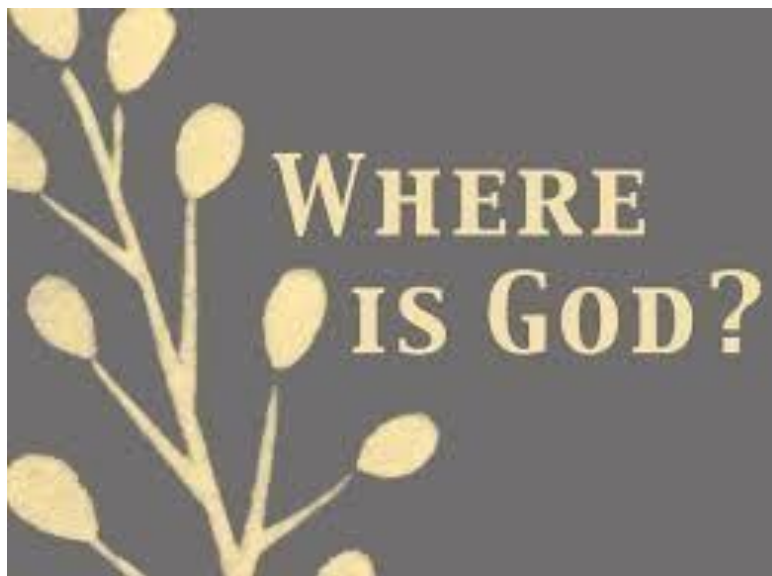


WORSHIP CELEBRATION

MARCH 11, 2018

10:15 A.M.



Morristown United Church
Christ Centered † Spirit Led

knowing,

*The mission of our church is to engage all people in
loving, and serving God to transform lives,
communities, and the world.*

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

All Nature Sings

Alfred V. Fedak
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries Sarah A Michal
Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in troubled days with wondrous works to humankind that call for highest praise. Let all who know God's saving love sing grateful songs always.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever. Leader:

Let those redeemed by the Lord say:

People: God's steadfast love endures forever. Leader:

When we cried out to God in our distress, **People: God saved us in our hour of need.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. **People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

† OPENING HYMN

Now, Thank We all Our God

No. 102

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Kris Hansen

God of light and love, shine upon us your people this day.

Meet us in our brokenness, and heal our errant ways.

Take from us our spirit of disobedience, and save us with your grace.

Lead us into your truth, that we may live as children of light, and act as children of the Most High.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jack Scharf PRAYER OF

CONFESSION

O God, your ways can be terrible to behold. When we complain about what we lack, rather than celebrating your sustaining gifts, forgive us. When we see only the bad in our lives, and fail to see the good, heal our vision. When we act as disobedient children and turn away from your light, save us with your unfailing grace. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Forget what lies behind. Trust in the path of grace that lies before us, for in the mercy of Christ's love, we are forgiven and invited to new life.

People: In the mercy of Christ's love, we are forgiven and invited to new life. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray
Chancel Choir

G. F. Handel

INFANT BAPTISM

No. 39

Receiving the Sacrament: Palmer James Schmidt, son of Kacie and Michael Schmidt

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Dr. Cho

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

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

No. 269

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Kris Hansen

Anoint us with you holy word, O God. Bless us this day, that we may hear your message and live as your people of faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 1:1-5, 14

Kris Hansen

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.** What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, **the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Where is God?"

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
- UMCOR offering

Jack Scharf

- Abendmusik—

Echoing Air this Saturday! MUMC Chancel Choir "Messiah" on April 21

Sarah A Michal

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Jack Scharf

OFFERTORY

Living Bread

Richard A. Williamson

† 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)

God of light and love, bless our offerings this day. May they bring light to the darkness and help lead others from death to life. Transform these gifts in your glory, that they may reflect the joy of your saving grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

† HYMN
Promised

O Jesus, I Have
No. 396 † BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

† POSTLUDE

Processional in B flat

Anthony Giamanco

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 Mr. and Mrs. Sue and Kevin Vance to the glory of God, and in celebration of their marriage yesterday! Congratulations and best wishes for many years of happiness together.

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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Associate Pastor	Pastor Charles Perez
Certified Lay Minister/Administrative Director	Jack Scharf
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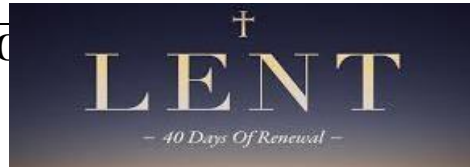
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CHURCH

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?

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

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

“What is the Meaning of this Donkey?”

Mark 14:12-16

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUE AND KEVIN PUMA who were married here yesterday. Best wishes for a long and happy life together.

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

A brief Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting will be held in the Pastor’s Office at 11:45 a.m. All the SPRC members are encouraged to attend.

An Interment Service for Clive Coutts, Sr. will be held at Evergreen Cemetery at 12 noon on Saturday, March 17th. A fellowship reception will be held in our Fellowship Hall afterward. Please keep the Coutts family in your prayers. Thank you.

ABENDMUSIK CONCERT

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

Echoing Air

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



An Early Music vocal ensemble with Baroque instruments.

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club Wesley Room
10:15 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Brandon
11:35 a.m. Asbury Choir Choir Room
11:45 a.m. SPRC Meeting Pastor's office
12:00 p.m. ASP meeting Youth Lounge
3:30 p.m. Nueva
Esperanza

Monday, March 12

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

Tuesday, March 13

6:15 p.m. Board of Trustees Wesley Room

Wednesday, March 14

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

Thursday, March 15

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Choir Room

Friday, March 16

5:30 p.m. Soccer Ministry Gym

Saturday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Emmaus Reunion Wesley Room

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	
9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club	Wesley Room
10:15 a.m.	Worship Service	
11:35 a.m.	Asbury Choir	Choir Room
2:00 p.m.	Emmaus Board	Room 21
3:30 p.m.	Nueva Esperanza	
6:00 p.m.	Youth—Movie Night	Youth Lounge

This Week at MUMC

Sunday, March 11

- 12:00 p.m. Interment service for Clive Coutts, Sr. at
Evergreen Cemetery
Reception to follow at MUMC
- 7:30 p.m. Abendmusik Concert
"Echoing Air"

Next Sunday, March 18

- "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 March 4, 2018

Attendance

133

Offering

\$4,949.00



□ Nueva Esperanza Worship and Ministry

- Stephen Ministry
- Church Leaders and Ministry Teams
- Our Sunday School and Youth Ministry

Our Church Family and Friends

James VanderSande, Sr., peace and comfort
Rick Radis and his family, mourning the death of his brother,
Stephen Kent Radis
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
Rob W., to find peace and God's direction
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, continued strength and healing
Kelly Buzalski, fighting cancer
Joan, in hospice care
Janice Harris, colon cancer
Stephanie, leukemia
Carolyn, cancer
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