

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

MARCH 18, 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

March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

Centering Words

The law of love is written on our hearts.

The ways of love are written on our lives, in acts of mercy and compassion.

The love of God is written on our world, in the loving-kindness of God's people.

PRELUDE

God of Grace

arr. Paul Manz
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Sarah A Michal

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I
nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me. Thy
rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: The time is coming, and now is: **People:**

Time for love. Time for hope.

Leader: Time for mercy. Time for faith.

People: Time for worship. Time for prayer.

Leader: Time for singing. Time for praise.

People: Time is coming and now is.

Leader: Come, it is time to worship.

People: It is time to worship our God in Spirit and Truth.

† OPENING HYMN

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

No. 96

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Jack Tironi

Glorious God, write your name on our hearts.

Inspire us with your law of love, that we might proclaim this truth:

You are our God, and we are your people.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jack Scharf PRAYER OF

CONFESSION

When we forget your name, written on our hearts...

When we forget your law of love, engraved in our lives...

When we neglect your Spirit, living in and through each of

us... When we ignore your beauty, brightening and glorifying our

lives... Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.

Shine in us and through us, God of light and love, that we may remember this truth: You are our God, and we are your people – a people of mercy and love.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God has already created a clean heart in you. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and made new in God's love.

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and made new in God's love. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Sing As I Arise Today
Chancel Choir

David Hurd

The lyrics to this anthem are an abbreviated, metrified rendering of the Prayer of St. Patrick. May it remind you on this St. Patrick's Day weekend that Christ is with you always.

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Jack Tironi

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Dr. Cho

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

No. 273

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Hayoung Kang

Anoint us with your 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 13:1-5, 13-17

Hayoung Kang

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. **Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.** The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. **Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.**

Jesus said, "You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. **So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.** For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. **If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.**"

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

ANTHEM

O Paradise
Wesleyan Choir

Douglas Wagner

† PASSING THE PEACE

(During this active flu season, we invite you to warmly greet each other verbally, instead of hugging. Thank you.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Cho

- Friendship Pads
- New Small Group Launch

The Zellers

- Abendmusik— MUMC Chancel Choir “Messiah” on April 21
Sarah A Michal

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Every Blessing arr. Paul Manz † DOXOLOGY

Dr. Cho OFFERTORY Come, Thou Fount of

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

Engrave these gifts with your love, O God. Send them forth into the world, that they may reveal your presence for all to see. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

† HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

No. 399

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

God has written love on our hearts.
Christ has revealed love in our world.
The Spirit sends us forth to share this glorious message of love around the world. Go and serve as God’s servants of love for all. Amen.

† POSTLUDE

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Paul Manz

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 Denise Schmidt to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of her grandson, Palmer James Schmidt, last Sunday.

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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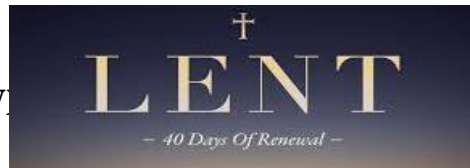
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CHURCH March

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 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.

Are you interested in becoming a member of our congregation? 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.

Morristown Interfaith Clergy Council—Our church is hosting this month’s meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20th. Please keep this vital group of spiritual leaders in your prayers.

Council on Ministries is meeting this Tuesday evening, March 20th at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Wesley Room

7:00 p.m. Council on Ministries
Wednesday, March 21

Asbury Room2

4:00 p.m. Soccer Ministry
7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers

Gym

Thursday, March 22

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

Choir Room

Choir Room

Friday, March 23

5:30 p.m. Soccer Ministry

Gym

Saturday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Emmaus Reunion
5:00 p.m. Couples Connection

Wesley Room

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 18



Monday, March 19

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

Tuesday, March 20

8:30 a.m. Morristown Interfaith Clergy Council

Next Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday

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 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
March 11, 2018**

Attendance

141

Offering

\$4,401,00

Our Church Family and Friends Family and friends of James VanderSande, Sr., mourning his death
A friend, swift recovery following knee replacement
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
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, 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 Ruggiero’s daughter, recovery
Adam, successful treatment of colon cancer
James, recovery from stage 4 cancer
Jenny’s father, treatment for prostate cancer

<p>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</p>

On-going Prayer



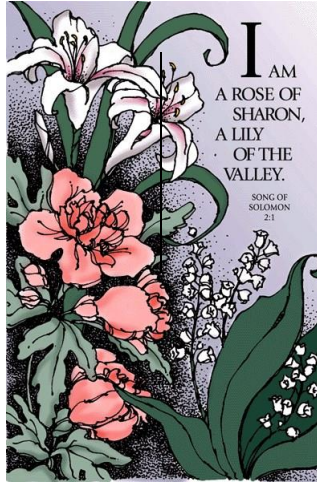
- **Nueva Esperanza Worship and Ministry**
- **Stephen Ministry**
- **Church Leaders and Ministry Teams**
- **Our Sunday School and Youth Ministry**

Sonya Burroughs	Bob Kennaday
Shannon Bain	Barbara MacHale
Beth & Bruce Courter	Micah
Erika Davis	Rick Radis
Neil Eriksen	Ms. So

Nancy Gardner
Jack & Johnna

Arden & Les Sutton
Emma Wyman

Ken Zippler



EASTER FLOWERS

Members and friends of our congregation may honor a loved one by placing a spring flower in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The deadline for ordering is Monday, March 26, 2018. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office. The cost is \$10.00 per plant.

Name _____

Phone _____

Name of person(s):

(In honor of)

(In honor of)

(In honor of)



(In memory of)

(In memory of)

(In memory of)

_____ I would like for the plant to be delivered to a shut-in.

_____ I will pick up the plant(s)

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

There are a limited number of daffodils and tulips available. If you are interested in reserving one of those instead of lilies, please contact the office at 973-538-2132.