

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

MARCH 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

10:15 A.M.



**What is the Meaning of this Donkey?"**



**Morrystown 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

March 25, 2018

Palm/Passion Sunday

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

## Centering Words

(Mark 11, Philippians 2, Mark 4)

Exaltation and joy. . .Passover sacrifice and betrayal. . .death and life;

Such is the terrain of Holy Week.

Such are waters that sweep us through the holy mystery of our faith.

Now is the time to count the cost of discipleship.

Now is the time to follow Jesus.

PRELUDE

*Dedicatory Hymn*

Karin Ford  
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*Sarah A Michal*

*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.*

*God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.*

Refrain: *In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.*

*The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord. Jesus.*

(Repeat refrain)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho*

Leader: Open the gates of justice, that we may enter and praise God within them.

**People: Here, at the gate of the Holy One we bring our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Blessed are you, who come to worship the one who calls us and leads us into life.

**People: We bring our thanks and praise to God.**

Leader: This is the day that our God has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad. Hosanna.**

† OPENING HYMN

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

No. 278

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

*Kris Hansen*

**Eternal One, as we enter Holy Week**

**and celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem,**

**may we laugh with the children**

**and shout our hosanna with the crowd.**

**But never let us forget where this week ends.**

**For the one who emptied himself for our sake,**

**took the form of a servant**

**and was betrayed and denied**

**by his disciples and closest friends.**

**May we sing in our hearts this day,**

**but may our song be mixed with sorrow and regret**

**for such is the life of followers**

**in every age. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

ANTHEM

*Praise the Lord, All Creation*  
Kids of the Kingdom

B & D Huntsinger

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Jack Scharf*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**On this blessed Palm Sunday, cleanse our hearts and renew a right spirit within each of us so that we can truly welcome the Lord into our lives. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The Prince of Peace is coming. Sing with the children; throw your cloaks upon the road, for the one who comes in the name of the Lord offers us salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God.**

ANTHEM

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
Jubilation Ringers

arr. Kathleen Wissinger

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

*Dr. Cho*

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 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.**

ANTHEM

*Behold the Lamb of God*  
Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

*Kris Hansen*

**Gracious teacher of compassion and truth, may we listen as those who are taught. Open our hearts to your holy word, that we may find our courage and not falter, as we follow you to the cross and beyond. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-10

*Kris Hansen*

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, **"Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.** If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" **They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street.** As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" **They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.** Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; **and he sat on it.** Many people spread their cloaks on the road, **and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.** Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!**

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

† HYMN

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*  
(Verses 1-3, 5)

No. 280

SERMON

**"What is the Meaning of this Donkey?"**

*Dr. Cho*

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Cho

- Please sign Friendship Pad.
- Holy Week and Easter Sunday Schedule
- Messiah Concert on April 21<sup>st</sup>

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Mark Hayes

† 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)

Jack Scharf

**Spirit of extravagant generosity, thank you for your never-failing mercy, Christ's gift of selfless love, and the witness of our forebears. Receive these gifts in token and gratitude for the love you offer us, a love that makes us and all of your children on earth well and whole. Amen.**

† CLOSING HYMN

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

No. 161

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

On the back of a donkey,  
**Jesus came to bless us.**  
With a love that did not count the cost,  
**Jesus came to heal us.**  
From hopelessness and despair,  
**Jesus came to free us.**  
With the power of the Holy Spirit,  
**Jesus came to save us. Thanks be to God.**

† POSTLUDE

*St. Theodulph*

Alex 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 the Lillian and Steve Mueller to the glory of God, and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

**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.

MUMC Church Staff

Senior Pastor . . . . .	Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho
Associate Pastor . . . . .	Pastor Charles Perez
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**MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**March 25, 2018**



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Palm Sunday

“What is the Meaning of this Donkey?”

Mark 14:12-16

**March 29, 2018**

Maundy Thursday

“What Do We Eat and Drink?”

Mark 14:12-16, 22-25

**March 30, 2018**

Good Friday

“What About Suffering?”

Matthew 27:27-31

**Easter Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Early Morning Service

Fellowship Hall

Pastor Charles preaching

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

“Is There Hope?”

Matthew 28:1-7

**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 their home church, or wants to learn more about our church. Please see Pastor Brandon or Jack Scharf.

**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, 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	



## Monday, March 26

7:30 p.m.	A.A.	Room 21
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## Tuesday, March 27

7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
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## Wednesday, March 28

4:00 p.m.	Soccer Ministry	Gym
7:00 p.m.	Jubilation Ringers	Asbury Room

## Thursday, March 29

### Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m.	Worship Service	
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## Friday, March 30

### Good Friday

5:30 p.m.	Soccer Ministry	Gym
7:30 p.m.	Worship Service	

## Saturday, March 31

8:30 a.m.	Emmaus Reunion	Wesley Room
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## Next Sunday, April 1

### Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Early Morning Worship	Fellowship Hall
10:15 a.m.	Worship Service	
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.**

- 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 James VanderSande, Sr.,** mourning his death  
**A friend,** continued recovery  
**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 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

### **Attendance and Offering March 18, 2018**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
135	\$3,882.00

### **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



We are preparing inspiring worship services for Holy Week and Easter that will touch your hearts and bring you closer to God. Join us for these special services.



**March 25, 2018**  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
*Behold the Lamb of God*—G.F. Handel  
**“What is the Meaning of this Donkey?”**  
Mark 14:12-16

Jesus comes as the Prince of Peace into our troubled and divided world.  
Pastor Brandon preaching



**March 29, 2018**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
*Bread & Wine*—Grier & Everson  
**“Who is Going to Wash Our Feet?”**  
Mark 14:12-16

Jesus models for us what it means to be a true servant for all.



**March 30, 2018**  
**Good Friday**  
*Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs & And With His Stripes We Are Healed*—G.F. Handel  
**“What About Suffering?”**  
Matthew 27:27-31

Although God does not prevent suffering, the crucified God fully enters human suffering and works to redeem that suffering.

**April 1, 2018**  
**Easter Sunday**

**7:30 a.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**



**April 1, 2018**  
**Easter Sunday**

**10:15 a.m.**

*Sunday Has Come and Jesus Lives!*—  
Beethoven/Thornhill  
**“Is There Hope?”**

Matthew 28:1-7

Jesus Christ’s resurrection gives us hope for life and even hope for death.





COME ONE...  
COME ALL...

TO THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH...  
...Okay, the greatest show on the Green!

## VARIETY SHOW & COFFEE HOUSE

To Benefit our A.S.P. Mission Trip



**Friday,**  
**April 13, 2018**  
**7:00 PM**



Light Sweets & Treats will  
be Served during the Show

**BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**Morristown United Methodist Church**

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### ADMISSION:

(includes light refreshments)

**\$10 per adult**

**\$5.00 per child (6-12yrs. old)**

**5 and under FREE.**

**or \$25 per FAMILY**



**ADVANCE  
TICKETS SUGGESTED**

**TICKETS ALSO AT THE DOOR**

