



Pastor's e-Note

Morristown United Methodist Church (3/28/2018)

Greetings, good friends.

We are journeying through the Holy Week on to Easter. For us Christians, this is a very intense and moving time spiritually and personally as we revisit what Jesus had to go through to bring salvation to us. The key phrase for this week is "his self-giving love." We all remember his own words: "There is no greater love than giving up your life for your friend." We have sung a song that says, "love is something if you give it away." On Good Friday, he gave up his life on the cross for "his friends" (that is us!). By doing so, he transformed the cross from being the sign of judgment and death to a new symbol of grace! And more than that, he rose from the dead and showed us that God's love never fails and conquers sin and death. Alleluia!

We have the following services for you to attend. Please come and be blessed.

Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.

This is a powerful service as we remember his Last Supper with his disciples. We welcome Kevin Powell as our preacher this evening. He and his wife Ruth have been an active part of our church since last year. Before joining MUMC, Kevin was the sound engineer for the bands at the contemporary services in Armstrong UMC in Cincinnati. He served for many years as an elder for an Anglican Parish, Sherfield-on-Loddon in rural England where he led family services, and delivered short sermons, across the three churches in the parish.

Good Friday Service at 7:30 p.m.

We will highlight the "VOICES FROM THE FOOT OF THE CROSS", featuring Barabbas, Peter, John, a Soldier, a Woman who anointed Jesus, and Jesus himself. Several church members will participate in this heart-touching reading. I will offer a brief and meaningful reflection on Good Friday.

Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

We will welcome a new Easter morning and celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. Pastor Charles Perez will deliver a joyful message on "Holy Week is the story of our lives." Hayoung Kang, our member and a student at Drew Theo School, will play on the keyboard, sing a solo "Because He Lives." Seventy plus friends from the Market Street Mission will also join us. There will be a nice continental breakfast after the service.

Easter Worship Celebration at 10:15 a.m.

This is going to be a great worship service of joy and love. A brass quartet will join us and our chancel choir and jubilation bell ringers will bless us with their "terrific" music. I will preach on "Is there hope?" Come and join us.

Please keep all the worship leaders, our choirs, volunteers and our staff in your prayers. They are working extra hard on our behalf this week. God bless them.

If you are traveling this week, may you go with God's traveling mercy and guidance. And to all of you, my good friends, may the peace and love of Christ be with you now and always.

See you soon in God's house.

In His Grace,

Pastor Brandon