

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

APRIL 15, 2018

10:15 A.M.



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 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

Preludium

J.C.H. Rinck
Jennifer Yang

INTROIT

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar in my heart appear.

Sarah A Michal
No. 173

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Hallelujah! The risen Christ is with us.

People: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Leader: Death is conquered. Sin's power is broken.

People: Praise to you, conquering God!

Leader: We have seen your glory.

People: And we are yours.

Leader: We are yours, blessed Triune God, all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise.

People: We are yours, all yours!

† OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

No. 162

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Sue Puma Vance

O God, since you have raised the fallen world by the sacrifice of your Son: grant continual gladness to your faithful people, that those whom you have delivered from the dangers of everlasting death may receive from you eternal joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

† THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

Jack Scharf

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

Let Us Break Their Bonds
Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Dr. Cho

(Children, up to the age of 7, may gather in the Narthex as they go to Room 22 for Children's Time.)

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Sue Puma Vance

Give us eyes to see, O God, that our doubt may be transformed into faith, and our fear may give way to courage, as we hear your message today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-22

Sue Puma Vance

Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" **Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."**

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Offering Forgiveness"*Kevin Vance*

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Cho

- Please sign your attendance on the Friendship Pad.
- Vacation Bible School Committee Meeting today at 11:30 a.m. in the Asbury Room *Pearl Ontalan*
- Reconciling Ministry Meeting today at 12:00 p.m. in the Library *Jack Scharf*
- Special Charge Conference on April 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. followed by Administrative Board at 7:30 p.m.
- Bethel A.M.E. Prayer Walk, 11:45 a.m. on April 21 *Ginny Lyttle*
- Messiah Concert this Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Join us and bring a friend! *Sarah A Michal*

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

Voluntary

John Zundel

† 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

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, and of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

No. 369

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

† POSTLUDE

Grand Choer

Gordon Young

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 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.



PRAYER WALK with Bethel A.M.E. Church and Presbyterian Church of Morristown at 11:45 a.m. this Saturday, April 21 in our church. Bethel A.M.E. Church is celebrating its 175th Anniversary this year. This prayer walk is a vital event to celebrate our shared history as God’s beloved churches. Please gather in front of the sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. to prepare. If you have any questions, please see Virginia Lyttle, Jack Scharf, or Pastor Brandon.

MUMC Church Staff	
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MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 15, 2018



A new sermon series “Modern Family Values” begins today!

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 22, 2018

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

May 6, 2018

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

April 29, 2018

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

May 13, 2018

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

WELCOME EVERYONE! We welcome especially new friends who are visiting our church in worship. We are so glad to celebrate life and worship our awesome God together with you. Please join us again next Sunday.

A SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE will be held to help to take care of a few items at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17th. After this Charge Conference, the Administrative Board will meet for our regular meeting.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet with Pastor Brandon at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday in the chapel (next to the Sanctuary.)

ABENDMUSIK CONCERT

THIS SATURDAY, 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 15

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club Adult Education Sunday School	
10:15 a.m.	Worship Service	
11:30 a.m.	VBS Meeting	Asbury Room
12:00 p.m.	Reconciling Ministry	Library
11:35 a.m.	Asbury Choir	Choir Room
3:30 p.m.	Nueva Esperanza	

Monday, April 16

7:30 p.m.	A.A.	Room 21
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Tuesday, April 17

7:00 p.m.	Special Charge Conference	Asbury Rm
7:30 p.m.	Administrative Board	Asbury Room

Wednesday, April 18

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

Thursday, April 19

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

Friday, April 20

5:30 p.m.	Soccer Ministry	Gym
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Saturday, April 21

8:30 a.m.	Emmaus Reunion	Wesley Room
11:45 a.m.	Prayer Walk	
3:30 p.m.	Bartku-Perri Wedding	
7:30 p.m.	Abendmusik Concert—Handel's Messiah	

Next Sunday, April 22

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club Adult Education Sunday School	
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 1:00 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE.**
- **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 April 8, 2018

Attendance
125

Offering
\$6,530.00



- 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 home Hospice Care
Victoria, 12-year-old, recovering from a stroke
Laurel Bailey, eye issues
Jeanne B., brain cancer
Christina, tumor
Terry M., strength and healing
Lisa, healing
Nina, healing
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
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

J.R. Bellush, III, Middle East
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