

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

APRIL 29, 2018

10:15 A.M.



“I am the vine; you are the branches”



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.*

April 29, 2018

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:15 a.m.

CENTERING WORDS

Living in God means
God's love is living in you.
So love God, live love.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

Marianne Kim
Jennifer Yang

INTROIT

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.
(Sing twice)*

Sarah A Michal

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Beloved, God calls us to come together in love.

People: Love is from God.

Leader: We all are called to live in God's love.

People: Love is from God. Let the worship begin!

† OPENING HYMN

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

No. 198

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Matt Zeller

God of love, you have been invited to this time and space.

We lift our hearts in thanksgiving and joyful praise for the gift of your love.

God of life, you have invited us here to place all that we have and all that we are in you.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, guide us to not only lift up our hearts in worship, but to offer our hearts in love. Amen.

(Please be seated)

ANTHEM

Heroes of the Faith
Kids of the Kingdom

Joseph M. Martin

† 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

I Am the Vine
Chancel Choir

C. Harry Causey

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 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

Be Still, My Soul

No. 534

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Sue Puma Vance

Our God whose other name is Love, speak to us, for we are your flock. We know your voice and we are listening. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8

Matt Zeller

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit**, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.** Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. **If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.** If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. **If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.** This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

Thanks be to God.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

SERMON

"Clear Connections"

Rev. Charles Perez

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Cho

- Please sign your name on the Friendship Pad.
- Mona Lindemann's 30th Anniversary at MUMC
- "Jesus in Play" Small Group Picnic on the Green at 11:45 a.m. today
- National Day of Prayer—on the Green, Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 11:45 a.m.
- Car Wash to benefit Proyecto 11/11—May 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m.—2:00p.m.
- Mother's Day Flowers for Sunday, May 13
- ASP Fundraiser at the Black River Barn Restaurant, Tuesday, May 15
- Basic Lay Servant Training Course, Sunday, June 10 and Saturday, June 16

Matt Zeller

Pastor Charles

Vince Cattano

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

Tu Fidelidad

Miguel Cassina

Tu fidelidad es grande

Tu fidelidad incomparable es

Nadie como tu bendito dios

Grande es tu fidelidad

Your faithfulness is great Lord

Your faithfulness is incomparable

There is no one like you, blessed Savior

Lord, great is your faithfulness

† 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)

Matt Zeller

God, when we accept the gift of your amazing love in our lives, we become instruments of your abundant love. Accept these offerings for what they are; an outpouring of love for you and for all your creation. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 384

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

† POSTLUDE

God is So Good

arr. Jennifer Yang

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 Sue and Clive Coutts, Jr. to the glory of God, and in celebration of Clive's birthday.

THE ROSEBUD is in thanksgiving and celebration of the birth of Natalie Janice Wright, daughter of Lisa and Andrew Wright, and granddaughter of proud grandparents, Mary Ann and Jack Scharf. Natalie was born on April 23, weighing in at 8 pounds, 7 ounces. She joins big sisters, Jennifer Catherine and Allia Meredith. Welcome to the world, Natalie Janice.

THE CENTERPIECE is given in celebration of Mona Lindeman's 30th Anniversary at MUMC.

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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MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 29, 2018



Sermon series “Modern Family Values” continues.

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.

May 6, 2018

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

We welcome **Rev. Charles Perez to our pulpit** this morning. He is the Associate Pastor of our church, and is also serving as the pastor of the First UMC in Dover as well.

TODAY, our Jubilation Ringers will be performing in a Mass Ring-In Concert at 4:30 p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Summit. Over 10 choirs and 1,200 bells! The concert is free. Hope you can join us.

Congratulations to Jack Scharf who was honored with **the Laity Ministry Service Award** by the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference yesterday.

Next Sunday: Sue Puma Vance, one of our church’s Lay Servants, will share God’s message during worship. Her message will be on “Truth About Honesty” based on Acts 5:1-11. Please join u and hear her encouraging words.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. We will have a joint service with our Nueva Esperanza Ministry friends. We will celebrate the Second Anniversary of Nueva Esperanza and confirmation of 15-17 youth. Join us!

This Week at MUMC

Sunday, April 29

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club
Adult Education
Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:35 a.m. Asbury Choir Choir Room
- 11:45 a.m. "Jesus at Play" picnic on the Green
- 3:30 p.m. Nueva Esperanza
- 4:30 p.m. Jubilation Ringers "Ring-In" Concert
At St. John's Lutheran Church in Summit

Monday, April 30

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

Tuesday, May 1

Wednesday, May 2

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

Thursday, May 3

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

Friday, May 4

- 10:00 a.m. Aphasia Support Group Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Soccer Ministry Gym

Saturday, May 5

- 8:30 a.m. Emmaus Reunion Wesley Room

Next Sunday, May 6

- 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 22, 2018

Attendance

119

Offering

\$3,133.00



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

Our Church Family and Friends

Family & friends of Agnes Brady, mourning her death
Carolyn Grant, recovery from car accident
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
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