

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

APRIL 8, 2018

10:15 A.M.



“Valuing Love”



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 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

Centering Words for Worship
How pleasing it is to God when we live as one family,
sharing all that we have in holy love.
How eager is our God to bless us with everlasting life
when we move from the shadows and forsake the work of darkness.
How joyous is the life we find in Christ.

PRELUDE

Allegro from Violin Sonata in D Major, HWV371
Mary Babiarz, *violin* and Jennifer Yang, *piano*

G.F. Handel

† INTROIT

Lift High the Cross
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'till all the world adore his sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'till all the world adore his sacred name.

Sarah A Michal
No. 159

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: This is the day to walk in the light.

People: This is the day to share signs of peace.

Leader: This is the day to believe where we have not seen.

People: This is the day to embrace what we cannot touch.

Leader: This is the day to worship our God.

People: Yes, this is the day to worship our God in Spirit and Truth.

† OPENING HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

No. 158

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Matt Zeller

God of manifold blessings, come to us this day.

Come and bless us.

Come and lead us into the light.

For we come to you to find peace.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jack Scharf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Our God of Easter, you offer us your new life in the risen Lord, and yet we still long to find rest and peace elsewhere. Forgive us. Help us believe where we have not seen; help us walk bravely in the midst of our fear, that we may truly know your peace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The power of God's love heals us.

The power of Christ's love saves us!

The power of the Spirit's love set us free!

People: Yes, the power of God's love forgives us and makes us whole again. Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Gift of Love
Sarah A Michal, *mezzo-soprano*
Mary Babiarz, *violin*

Hal H. Hopson

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING AND 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

Jesus Loves Me

No. 191

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Matt Zeller

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

1 Corinthians 13:13

Matt Zeller

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; **and the greatest of these is love.**
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sermon Series on "Modern Family Values"
"Valuing Love"

Dr. Cho

HOLY COMMUNION

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† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Cho

- Please sign your attendance on the Friendship Pad.
- Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting today at 11:45 a.m.
- ASP Variety Show—this Friday at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Messiah Concert on April 21, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
- Market Street Mission Graduation—today at 6:00 p.m.

Jack Scharf

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

Adagio from Violin Sonata in D Major, HWV371
Mary Babiarz, *violin* and Jennifer Yang, *piano*

G.F. Handel

† 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

Our loving God, you have shown us how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one. May the offerings we bring before you now be signs of our commitment to help and serve those in need and to live together as the family of God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 384

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

Walk in the light of God.
Live in the light of God.
Bask in the light of God.
May the Light of all lights transform you and fill you with love and joy.
Go with the peace of God.

† POSTLUDE

Allegro

J.H. Fiocco

Mary Babiarz, *violin* and Jennifer Yang, *piano*

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.

We welcome Mary Babiarz, our guest violinist. Thank you for elevating our worship today.



THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE THE CHANCEL are given by Jane Rehmke and Lee Schubert to the glory of God and in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Happy Anniversary from your MUMC family.

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

April 8, 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 15, 2018

Third Sunday after Easter
“Offering Forgiveness”
Matthew 18:21-22
Kevin Vance preaching

April 22, 2018

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

April 29, 2018

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

May 6, 2018

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

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE is meeting today at 11:45 a.m. in the Wesley Room. If you are a member of this vital committee, please plan to attend.

ASP VARIETY SHOW is this Friday evening, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sign up with Vince Cattano today. Please join us for this fun fellowship and let us show our strong support for this year’s ASP Mission Trip.

A SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE will be 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

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 8

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.	Staff Parish Relations	Wesley Room
12:00 p.m.	ASP Group Training	Youth Lounge
3:30 p.m.	Nueva Esperanza	

Monday, April 9

7:30 p.m.	A.A.	Room 21
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Tuesday, April 10

6:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees	Wesley Room
7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee	Wesley Room

Wednesday, April 11

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

Thursday, April 12

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

Friday, April 13

5:30 p.m.	Soccer Ministry	Gym
7:30 p.m.	Variety Show	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 14

8:30 a.m.	Emmaus Reunion	Wesley Room
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Next Sunday, April 15

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club Adult Education Sunday School	
10:15 a.m.	Worship Service	
11:35 a.m.	Asbury Choir	Choir Room
12:00 p.m.	VBS Meeting	Asbury 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 Easter Sunday—April 1, 2018

Attendance

304

Offering

\$8,408.50



- **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
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
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

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