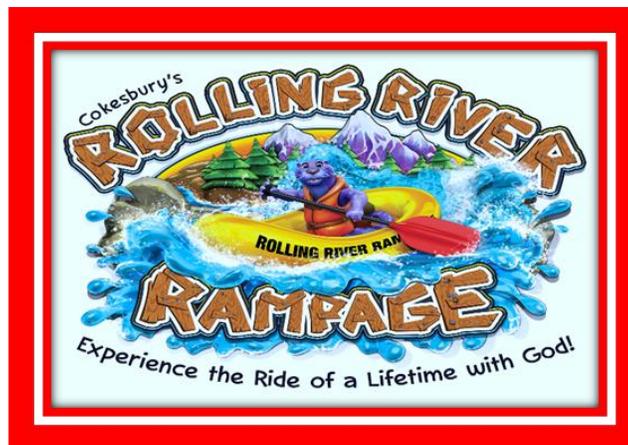


JOINT WORSHIP ON THE GREEN
AUGUST 19, 2018—10:00 A.M.



JOSHUA 4:6-7
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH!



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

August 19, 2018

VBS Sunday
Bethel A.M.E. Church's 175th Anniversary Sunday

10:00 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

The Love of God

F.M. Lehman
Jennifer Yang

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho
Senior Pastor, Morristown United Methodist Church

Leader: Come, seekers of wisdom and truth.

People: God's wisdom has called us here.

Leader: Come, lovers of Christ's teachings and guidance.

People: Christ's love has called us here.

Leader: Come, singers of thanksgiving and praise.

People: The Spirit's presence has gathered us here!

† OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

Insert

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Rev. Dr. David Smazik
Senior Pastor, The Presbyterian Church in Morristown

How good it is to come into your holy presence, O God!

We are glad to come together in unity as one body of Christ from our three congregations.

Bless our hearts with your pure joy as worship you in Spirit and Truth.

In Jesus' name, we praise you. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River
Summer Choir and VBS Volunteers

John Coats

LITANY OF OUR SHARED HERITAGE (responsive reading) **

Dr. Cho

On this special Sunday, we give thanks to God for the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church's 175th Anniversary and its faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This day also calls The Presbyterian, The United Methodist, and the Bethel AME congregations in Morristown to honor our shared heritage by remembering the ties and the people that bind us together as one body of Christ.

Rev. Dr. Sidney Williams, Senior Pastor, Bethel AME Church, Morristown:

Almighty God, you have raised up servants

to proclaim the gift of redemption and a life of holiness.

**For our spiritual forebears, John Knox, John and Charles Wesley,
and Richard Allen inspired by your Spirit, we give thanks.**

Dr. Smazik:

In their ministry, through their difficulties,
and in spite of their weaknesses,
you were their hope and their salvation.

You led them and their followers to create the heritage that is ours.

Teresa Williams, Ministry Leader, Bethel AME Church:
We praise you for the women and men, young and old,
who followed them,
who gave themselves unselfishly for the welfare of our churches,
whose commitment and vision encouraged
and supported our churches.
Their talents, enthusiasm, idealism, and dedication infused our churches with energy.
Their outstanding gifts and witness shaped our thought and life.
We praise you for these countless members of our churches,
whose names we now remember.

Silence is kept to remember the names of saints.

Dr. Smazik:
And we give you thanks for the place of our rich tradition
among the churches which comprise the Body of Christ.
With all your people throughout creation,
give us a new vision, new love, new wisdom,
and fresh understanding,
that we may serve you more fully through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dr. Cho:
So, with praise and thanksgiving to our God, let us offer the prayer as Jesus taught us to pray:
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.

VBS PRESENTATION

*Morristown "Rainbow VBS" Team
Pearl Ontalan, Director*

- "Thank You" by Ray Boltz
- "I Can Only Imagine" by MercyMe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Pearl Ontalan

God of breath and life, your word speaks to us in every moment of our lives. Open our minds to receive your Word, that it might be always in our hearts and on our lips. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:18-20

Pearl Ontalan

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting their nets into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

These are the words of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"#LevelUP"

Dr. Sidney Williams

† PASSING THE PEACE

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

Pastor: God is good and generous. God uses us to bless others and the world. Let us be channels of God's overflowing grace as we collect today's offering.

OFFERTORY

More Love to Thee, O Christ

W.H. Doane

† DOXOLOGY

No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Dr. Smažik

God, we give you thanks for your wondrous works in and through us. May these gifts be your blessing for our world in need of your grace and hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

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† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

† POSTLUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

W.B. Bradbury

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After the service, you are all invited to the Fellowship Hall of MUMC to celebrate Bethel A.M.E.'s 175th Anniversary with a "birthday cake," refreshments and other goodies. Please join us.

Presbyterian Announcements

Fall Kick Off for Deacons, Elders, and Session Committee Members is on Thursday, August 23rd at 6 PM. Outdoor Movie Night is on Friday, August 24th at 7:30 PM. We're showing Zootopia. All Table of Hope donations are due by Sunday, August 26th.

United Methodist Announcements

Summer Choir will meet in the Choir Room at 9:00 a.m. for the next two Sundays. Fall Kick-off will be on September 9 at 9:00 in Fellowship Hall with a continental breakfast.