

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

10:00 A.M.



Morristown United Methodist 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.*

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Labor Day Weekend Service

10:00 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

God So Loved the World

John Stainer
Jennifer Yang

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Friends! Co-Workers!

People: Brothers! Sisters! Followers of Christ!

Leader: Welcome, one and all! Welcome home!

People: This is the place to be refreshed and encouraged.

Leader: This is the place of acceptance and love!

People: This is the place where God's love abounds.

Leader: Let us rejoice in the Lord God and worship in spirit and truth.

People: Amen! Let the worship begin.

† OPENING HYMN

This Is My Father's World

No. 144

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Sue Puma Vance

**God of love, we are your beloved family,
sharing in your vision and work.**

**We give you thanks for the many ways
you have loved and blessed us,
encouraged and renewed us.**

**We thank you for the times we have experienced joy,
and for the knowledge that you love and accept us.**

**We bring our joy and gratitude to you today
as we sing our thanksgiving and praise.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Cho

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, giver of love and peace,

We are grateful for your vision of human-kind –

**A vision that embraces all,
leaving none behind.**

**You call us your own,
even when we do not recognize this truth.**

**Forgive us when we look down on others,
failing to see them as our sisters and brothers.**

Forgive us when kinship is not a priority in our lives.

**Open our hearts to everyone in your family,
that they may become our family, too.**

In your holy name, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The blessing of grace and peace are ours, through God our Maker, and Jesus Christ our Savior.
Forgiveness and peace are ours. Amen.

People: Forgiveness and peace are ours. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come and Feast
Summer Choir

Lee Dengler

SHARING OF JOYS AND PRAYER NEEDS

Dr. Cho

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

No. 147

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Kevin Vance

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrew 6:10

Kevin Vance

For God is not unjust; **he will not overlook your work** and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do.

Thessalonians 1:2-3

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, **constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love** and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Labor of Love”

Dr. Cho

HOLY COMMUNION

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† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Cho

- Pass the Friendship Pad
- Kick-off Sunday on September 9, 2018

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

Prayer

Carl Maria von Weber

† 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)

Sue Puma Vance

Our awesome and most generous God, we offer you these offerings while standing with faith and love for you. We ask you that you use these gifts to increase your kingdom and increase our love and hope for all of our neighbors in this community and the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

No. 514

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

† POSTLUDE

Love Divine

arr. John Zundel

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 the Cattano family to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Charles Cattano.s

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“Labor of Love”

Pastor Brandon preaching

September 9, 2018

Kick Off Sunday

Farewell to Cesar Torres

Mark 7:24-27

“In Desperate Need”

Jack Scharf preaching

WELCOME, EVERYBODY! We are delighted that you are here and that we can worship God together as friends. If you are with us as our special guest, please stop by the Welcome Center in the Courtyard and receive a welcome gift and more information about our church. Welcome again and see you next Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY IS FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL. See information below.

IGNITE 2018 is coming up on September 28-30, 2018 at the Wildwood Convention Center. This is a huge youth Christian gathering filled with powerful music, concerts, talks and fellowship. Please contact Pastor Charles Perez if interested in attending.

NEXT SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP WE WILL HAVE AN APPRECIATION RECEPTION FOR CESAR TORRES IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. We are giving him a monetary gift. If you'd like to make contribution, please write a check to “MUMC,” earmark it as “Cesar’s Gift” and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church (50 S. Park Place, Morristown, NJ 07960).



**Fall Kick-Off Sunday
September 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**

Please join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 9 for a “Welcome Back Family and Friends Celebration” to kick off the new church year.

At 9:00 a.m. a continental breakfast will be provided while we greet each other, register our children for Sunday School and learn about upcoming events and programs. Worship will follow at 10:15 a.m.

THIS WEEK AT MUMC

September 2

Labor Day Week-end

- 9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Choir Room
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service—
 Pastor Brandon preaching
 3:30 p.m. Bilingual Service—Nueva Esperanza

September 3—Labor Day—Office closed

7:30 p.m. AA Room 21

Tuesday, September 4

Wednesday, September 5

Thursday, September 6

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
 Potluck and first rehearsal!

Friday, September 7

Next Sunday, September 9

Fall Kick Off Sunday

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
 10:15 a.m. Worship Service



Register Today!

**When: September 28 (evening) –
 September 30, 2018**

Where: Wildwood Convention Center

For Whom: All the Youth of the church

**Featuring Rachel Billups, Bread of Stone,
 DJ Vow, and Mr. Talkbox**

All the youth of the church are invited to join IGNITE 2018. More than 1,300 youth from various United Methodist congregations will come together for an uplifting time of celebrating faith through great Christian music, heart-to-heart talks, and great fellowship with other youth.

Your share of the cost is \$75 to help cover the lodging and spending money for your meals. Your church will pay for your registration for the event and provide transportation.

Contact Pastor Brandon or Pastor Charles if you would like to attend.



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

Our Church Family and Friends

- Greselda Powell, continued recovery
 Diane, beginning chemotherapy
 Cynthia and her daughter, strength and healing
 Laurie, continued improvement
 Melanie and Casey, dealing with a miscarriage
 Lou Cattano, awaiting test results
 Carl, healing and strength
 Sheyla, thanksgiving for answered prayer
 Terri M., strength and healing
 Sue Earls, continued strength and healing
 Jeanne B., brain cancer
 Christina, tumor
 Terry M., strength and healing
 James, transitioning to a new school
 Christine and Marcus, healing
 Jeff, cancer
 Erico family, mother of four battling cancer
 John Leding, strength and healing
 William E. Hettrick, prostate cancer
 Gary, loss of job
 John Hyland, contined strength and healing
 Kelly Buzalski, fighting cancer
 Joan, in hospice care
 Janice Harris, colon cancer
 Stephanie, leukemia
 Carolyn, successful cancer treatment
 Adam, successful treatment of colon cancer
 James, recovery from stage 4 cancer

Serving Our Country

- Pfc. Abigail Crisp**, NJ Army National Guard
Jordan Dale, U.S. Marines
Sgt. Randall Ferrara, NJ Army National Guard
Rich Lamm, US Marine Corp
Staff Sgt. Steve Lantz, Army Reserves, Middle East
LCDR Karen Kraft McAllister, Washington, DC

On-going Prayer

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| Sonya Burroughs | Barbara MacHale |
| Shannon Bain | Micah |
| Rev. and Mrs. Man Kee Cho, | |
| Pastor Brandon's parents | |
| Beth & Bruce Courter | Lea O'Shea |
| Erika Davis | Rick Radis |
| Neil Eriksen | Ms. So |
| Nancy Gardner | Arden & Les Sutton |
| Hannah Heggenstaller | Emma Wyman |
| Jack & Johnna | Ken Zippler |