

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 16, 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.*

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

September 16, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 a.m.

Centering Words

God calls out to us in yearning love:
through quiet calls amidst the din of human enterprise;
through sudden glimpses of the glory of creation;
through light shining forth from the word of God,
from worship, and from Jesus the Messiah.
In all places and in all things, God calls out in yearning love for us.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

Prière a Notre-Dame

Leon Böellmann
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

Stand Up and Bless the Lord
Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice,
Stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

Sarah A Michal
No. 662

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Sing to God for mercy and grace.

People: Sing praises to God for the gift of life.

Leader: For our God is mighty and strong.

People: Sing praises to God for the gift of love for all.

Leader: Sing to God for mercy and grace.

People: Sing praises to God for the joy of the Lord is our strength.

† OPENING HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

No. 158

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Jack Scharf

Holy One of Peace, truly you show no partiality, for you treat all people with equity. You have chosen the poor to be rich in faith. You have chosen the downtrodden to be heirs of your kingdom. May our time of worship fill us, with the desire to love you with all of our hearts and love our neighbors as ourselves, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION (in unison)

Dr. Cho

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, as we stand at the foot of the cross, we confess our mistakes and shortcomings. We ask you to renew a right spirit with us, and guide us to walk on your path of righteousness. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: With overflowing grace, Christ Jesus came to save us. With steadfast love, our Good Shepherd leads us into eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Lamb
Chancel Choir

John Tavener

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Jack Tironi

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER
SHARING OF JOYS AND PRAYER NEEDS
PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Cho

Jack Scharf

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 OF PREPARATION

Hymn of Promise

No. 707

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Hayoung Kang

As we seek your presence in each moment of our lives, O God, we ask you to open our hearts, minds and lives to your living Word today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 77:11-14

Hayoung Kang

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; **I will remember your wonders of old.** I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds. **Your way, O Lord, is holy.** What god is so great as our God? You are the God who works wonders; **you have displayed your might among the peoples.**

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Miracles Everywhere: Shift”

Dr. Brandon Cho

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pass the Friendship Pad
- IGNITE 2018 Youth Celebration. Register today!
- Empanada Sale on September 23—Pre-sale orders today
- Festival on the Green—September 30, 2018

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

Adagio

Franz Liszt

† 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!*

† DEDICATION OF OFFERING (in unison)

Jack Scharf

Merciful God, transform and multiply our gifts into gifts of hope and joy for the world you love. Receive our very lives, and fashion us into instruments of your grace, that we may bear witness to the Good News of our Lord to all peoples. Mold us into your people – a people of promise and hope – for the work of your Kingdom on earth. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

And Are We Yet Alive
(verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)

No. 553

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

† POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

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 Virginia Lyttle to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Alan Lyttle.

Attendance and Offering for September 9, 2018

Attendance
127

Offering
\$2,616.00

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MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 16, 2018

A New Sermon Series: "Miracles Everywhere"

The Gospels tell of Jesus' miracle ministry that is based on God's power to transform lives. The Gospels point to God's activity in the world. Where is God still at work? How are we called to be courageous participants? As we open our eyes and fill our prayers with expectation, we will find miracles everywhere.

September 16, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 77:24

"Miracles Everywhere: Shift"

September 30, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Festival on the Green

Esther 8:1-18

"Miracles Everywhere: Courage"

September 23, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(First Sunday of Autumn)

John 11:38-45

"Miracles Everywhere: Unbelievable"

October 7, 2018

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Mark 8:22-25

"Miracles Everywhere: Tangible"

WELCOME, EVERYBODY! Our special welcome to our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please go to the WELCOME CENTER to receive your "welcome gift" and information packet about our church. Please join us in Fellowship Hall after church for a good conversation and connection.

Our church will be participating in **THE MORRISTOWN FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN.** We invite you to participate in our church booth and help "share and spread stories" about our church, music ministry, and the Nueva Esperanza ministry. Please sign up to volunteer! Sunday, September 30, from noon until 5:00 p.m.

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. See full information on next page.

THIS WEEK AT MUMC

Sunday, September 16

9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club
 Sunday School
 Adult Education
 9:40 a.m. Chancel Choir Choir Room
 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
 11:30 a.m. Harry Potter Small Group
 Asbury Choir Choir Room
 3:30 p.m. Nueva Esperanza

Monday, September 17

7:30 p.m. AA Room 21

Tuesday, September 18

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Wesley Room

Wednesday, September 19

7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers Asbury Room

Thursday, September 20

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Choir Room

Friday, September 21

Saturday, September 22

9:00 a.m. Empanada Preparation Kitchen

Next Sunday, September 23

9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club
 Sunday School
 Adult Education
 9:40 a.m. Chancel Choir Choir Room
 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
 11:30 a.m. Empanada Distribution
 Asbury Choir Choir Room
 11:45 a.m. Staff Parish Relations Wesley Room
 3:30 p.m. Nueva Esperanza



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

A friend, recovery from stroke following surgery

Carol, in Hospice Care

Diane, beginning chemotherapy

Cynthia and her daughter, strength and healing

Melanie and Casey, dealing with a miscarriage

Lou Cattano, successful treatment

Sheyla, thanksgiving for answered prayer

Terri M., strength and healing

Sue Earls, continued strength and healing

Jeanne B., brain cancer

Christina, tumor

Christine and Marcus, healing

Jeff, cancer

Erico family, mother of four battling cancer

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

Jack & Johnna Emma Wyman

Ken Zippler