

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

10:15 A.M.



“LESSONS FROM THE RIVER”



**Morristown United Methodist Church Christ
Centered † Spirit Led**

knowing,

*The mission of our church is to engage all people in
loving, and serving God to transform lives,
communities, and the world.*

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

Prayer

L. V. Beethoven
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

Sarah A Michal

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above
God in whom we move and live, let ev'ry creature sing,
glory to our Maker give, and homage to our King.
Hallowed be thy name beneath, as in heav'n on earth adored;
praise the Lord in ev'ry breath, let all beings praise the Lord.

No. 96

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord shall never be shaken.

People: Those who place their faith in God stand on firm foundations.

Leader: Just as mountains surround Jerusalem, God's love and mercy surround God's people.

People: Just as rivers flow through mountain ravines, God's mercy and compassion flow through us.

Leader: Friends, come! Let us worship the One who brings us peace.

People: Praise God! Let the worship begin.

† OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

No. 110

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Matt Zeller **God of love and grace, bind**

us together this day. Even as you have welcomed us, so may we welcome each other with open hearts and open minds. Speak to our hearts, that we may hear your words and heed your call to live as your beloved disciples. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Cho PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your light of truth reveals to us that we need to shift our focus to you and your will rather than on ourselves and our ways. Forgive us when we follow wrong voices in life. Guide us back to your heart today, and renew a right spirit within each of us. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God's love endures forever. We are made new in Christ Jesus, given new eyes to see and grace to share God's forgiveness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. John Coates

Chancel Choir

RECOGNITION AND BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND LEADERS

Insert

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Dr. Cho

COMMISSIONING OF STUDENT INTERN—Hayoung Kang

Insert

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

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 OF PREPARATION

Thy Word Is a Lamp

No. 601

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Matt Zeller **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

John 14:23-24

Matt Zeller

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching.** These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me."

John 17:11-12

Matt Zeller

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. **While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me.** None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled."

Acts 14:21-25

Hayoung Kang

They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. **"We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said. Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.** After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia, and when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Lessons From the River"

Jack Scharf

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pass the Friendship Pad
- IGNITE 2018 Youth Celebration. Register today!
- Sign up for Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults
- Empanada Sale on September 23—Pre-sale begins today
- Festival on the Green—September 30, 2018

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

God, Thy Great Goodness Never Ends

Dr. Cho

L. V. Beethoven

† 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)

Receive these gifts, as you have welcomed us, O God. May today’s offering sow hope and help in your world, that our faith might be found alive and well. May those in need be touched by your love through our giving, sharing and serving. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

We Are the Church

No. 558

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

† POSTLUDE

The Glory of God in Nature

L. V. Beethoven

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 Lillian and Steve Mueller to the glory of God and in loving memory of Steve’s dad, John Mueller.

THE WHITE ROSES are given by the MUMC family in loving memory of Rhonda Vrba and John Leding, Allison Arakelian’s dad.

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MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 9, 2018

<p>September 9, 2018 Kick Off Sunday Farewell to Cesar Torres Mark 7:24-27 “Lessons from the River” Jack Scharf preaching</p>	<p>September 16, 2018 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Psalm 77:24 “Miracles Everywhere: Shift” Pastor Brandon preaching</p>
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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.

THANKS TO JACK SCHARF for sharing God’s message with us today. Jack is our Certified Lay Minister and directs our church’s Adult Education. Thank you, Jack, and welcome back! You were missed.

During Fellowship Time after worship, we will hold a **THANK YOU RECEPTION** for Cesar Torres. Cesar has served our church well and faithfully as the Property Manager for the past 12+ years. There will be a special cake for him and a love gift will be presented by our Staff Parish Relations Committee. Thank you, Brother Cesar, and we wish you God’s abundant blessings in your new work.

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



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
Student Intern Wesley Room

Sunday, September 9

Fall Kick Off Sunday

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:40 a.m. Chancel Choir Choir Room
10:15 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Farewell to Cesar Torres
 . Asbury Choir Choir Room
3:30 p.m. Bilingual Service—Nueva Esperanza

Monday, September 10

7:30 p.m. AA Room 21

Tuesday, September 11

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

Wednesday, September 12

7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers Asbury

Thursday, September 13

6:30 p.m. Yarners Third Floor
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Choir Room

Friday, September 14

8:00 p.m. Advisory Committee for

Saturday, September 15

7:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall

Next 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

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**

