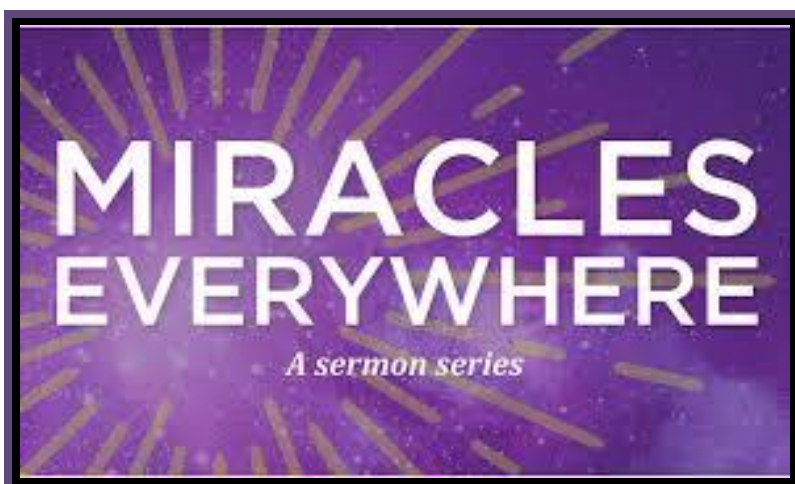


WORSHIP CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 23, 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.*

September 23, 2018

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 a.m.

Centering Words

Blessed are those who meditate on God's ways,
For they are like a tree planted by the stream of living water;
Bearing fruit in due season.
Happy are those who draw near and grow strong in the Lord.

PRELUDE

All Nature Sings

Alfred V. Fedak
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

Psalm 1

*How blest the one who in God's law finds goodness and delight
And meditates upon that law with gladness day and night.
That one is nourished like a tree set by the river's side;
Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure: the works of such abide.*

Sarah A Michal
WINCHESTER OLD

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Draw near to God, and grow strong in God's presence.

People: Seek God's wisdom, and know joy as God draws near.

Leader: Live as trees planted by living waters, and Christ will give you peace.

People: Rest in the shade of the Tree of Life, and Christ will lead us home.

Leader: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

People: We draw near to God with our praise and thanksgiving.

† OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

No. 98

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Matt Zeller

Source of wisdom and understanding, plant us by your streams of living water, that we may bear the fruit of peace and mercy in the seasons of our lives; root us in the soil of your grace and compassion, that we may reach out our hands to the needy and speak with gentleness to the sorrowful; nourish us in your righteousness and grace. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION (in unison)

Dr. Cho

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we stand before you, you are filling us with your light of truth. And we know that we shall know the truth and it will set us free. So, we walk away from our ways to your way, and from our misguided understanding to your wisdom. Show us your path to your truth. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. For the Lord is full of wisdom and grace, offering life in Christ's name. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christians, We Have Met to Worship
Jubilation Ringers

arr. Kevin McChesney

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Hayoung Kang

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Dr. Cho

SHARING OF JOYS AND PRAYER NEEDS

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

O How I Love Jesus

No. 170

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 11:38-44

Matt Zeller

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. **It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.** Jesus said, "Take away the stone." **Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."** Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" **So they took away the stone.** And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." **When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"** The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, **"Unbind him, and let him go."**

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

On Eagles' Wings
Chancel Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

SERMON

"Miracles Everywhere: Unbelievable"

Dr. Cho

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pass the Friendship Pad
- Empanada Distribution
- Necklaces for Project 11-11
- Festival on the Green—September 30, 2018

Nancy Frantz

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Land of Rest

Dr. Cho

Douglas E. Wagner

No. 94

† DOXOLOGY

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)

Matt Zeller

God of wisdom and understanding, for your glorious deeds that inspire our actions and feed our creativity, we give you our thanks and praise; for your wondrous works that warm our hearts and enlighten our minds, we give you our gratitude and worship. May these gifts be bread and blessing for a world in need of your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

No. 369

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

† POSTLUDE

Festive Voluntary

Robert Lau

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.

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MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 23, 2018

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 23, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(First Sunday of Autumn)

John 11:38-45

"Miracles Everywhere: Unbelievable"

Pastor Brandon preaching

September 30, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Festival on the Green

Esther 8:1-18

"Miracles Everywhere: Courage"

Jack Scharf preaching

October 7, 2018

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Mark 8:22-25

"Miracles Everywhere: Tangible"

Pastor Brandon preaching

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE DURING CHURCH. If you have children Pre-K thru 6th grade, we invite you to have your children join us for Sunday School after the Children's Time. Young people 7th grade through high school meet every Sunday at 9:00 in our Youth Lounge.



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! The Festival is next Sunday, September 30, from noon until 5:00 p.m.

Attendance and Offering for September 16, 2018

Attendance

125

Offering

\$4,274.00

THIS WEEK AT MUMC

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
- 11:45 a.m. "Jesus in Life" small group hike
- 3:30 p.m. Nueva Esperanza

Monday, September 24

- 7:30 p.m. AA Room 21

Tuesday, September 25

- 7:00 p.m. Council on Ministries Asbury Room

Wednesday, September 26

- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers Asbury room

Thursday, September 28

- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Choir Room

Saturday, September 29

- 8:00 a.m. Walk to Emmaus Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, September 30

- 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. Asbury Choir Choir Room
- 12:00 p.m. **Festival on the Green**



The Yarners small group is having a fund raiser to benefit Project 11/11 and the mission trip to Colombia. The necklaces are all hand made by members of the group and will be sold for \$10.00. All the money will go to the mission project. So come one, come all and buy a necklace as a gift or for yourself.



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

Our Church Family and Friends

Deb VanderSande, undergoing treatment for stage 3 cancer

Jean Doig, recovery from stroke following surgery

Chris Nagy, prayers for recovery

Carol, in Hospice Care

Diane, beginning chemotherapy

Cynthia and her daughter, strength and healing

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. Hetrick, 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

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