

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2014

10:00 a.m.



The United Methodist Church of Morristown

Christ Centered † Spirit Led

*The Mission of our church is to invite people of all ages to know Christ,
to train them to be Christ's disciples,
to create an environment where they are empowered by the Holy Spirit, and
to motivate them to do God's will through acts of love and service
in the local and global communities*

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PRELUDE

Préambule
Kevin Graf, Organist

Louis Vierne

INTROIT

June Van Thoen
Director of Music Ministries
No. 389

Freely, Freely
*God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.
He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."*

† CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105, Matthew 14)

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

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship.

People: Now is the time to spring forth in faith.

Leader: Give thanks to our God.

People: Sing of God's praise and glory.

Leader: Seek the Lord.

People: Rejoice in God's presence.

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship.

People: Yes, we shall worship the Lord God in Spirit and Truth. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

No. 98

† OPENING PRAYER (Unison: Genesis 37, Matthew 14)

God of faith and grace, call to us now. Guide us into the glorious message of your saving love and constant presence. Walk with us as we renew our faith, discern your call in our lives, and journey forth as disciples of Christ. Amen.

(Please be seated)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dawn Bryan, Associate Pastor
The Presbyterian Church of Morristown

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison; Genesis 37, Psalm 105, Matthew 14)

Faithful One, reach out to us with your grace and mercy.

Forgive us when we sink into sin, and when we too easily accept our shortcomings.

Forgive us when we do not venture forth when you call us forward in faith.

As we call upon your holy name, reclaim us with your mercy and grace, that we may be your children— forgiven, renewed, and emboldened in the greatness of your living faith.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Take heart! Christ is with us, and holds our lives with mercy and grace.

In Christ's love, you are forgiven.

People: In Christ's love, you are forgiven.

ANTHEM

Come to the Water
(Based on Isaiah 55:1)
Summer Choir

Foley
arr. J. Schrader

INFANT BAPTISM – *Graham Alexander Heinzmann*

(Parents: Jessica & Andy Heinzmann; Fellowship Friends: David & Jennifer Hutchinson)

BAPTISM SONG (Unison)

*Jesus loves me! This I know for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

In Christ There Is No East or West

No. 548

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dr. Cho

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 10:5-15 (NRSV)

Rev. Bryan

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”; because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-29 (NRSV)

Jack Scharf

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by the time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water and came toward Jesus.

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SERMON

Faith in a Post-Christian America

Jack Scharf

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Dr. Cho

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastors

CALL TO OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

Offertory

Édouard Batistse

† DOXOLOGY

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† DEDICATION OF OFFERING (unison)

Gracious God, your gifts are indeed great, your works a wonder to behold. We thank you for the gift of your amazing grace, as we return a portion of these gifts to you. Bless these gifts, that our giving may become a beautiful message of your love and grace. In Christ's glorious name, we pray. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

No.529

† BENEDICTION (*Psalm 105, Matthew 14*)

Dr. Cho

God blesses us with strength for the journey.

Our hearts sing God's praises.

Christ lifts us up from the raging waters of life.

Our spirits rejoice in our salvation.

The Spirit guides us forth with dreams full of hope and promise.

Our lives rest secure in the One who is faithful.

Thanks be to God!

† POSTLUDE

Symphony No. 1:VI. Final Op. 14

Louis Vierne

† Please stand, as you are able.



THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE the chancel today are given by Jack and Mary Ann Scharf to the glory of God, and in celebration of the second wedding anniversary of their son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Christy.

Participants in the service today are:

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

The Rev. Dawn Bryan, Associate Pastor, Presbyterian Church of Morristown

Mr. Jack Scharf, Certified Lay Speaker, Morristown United Methodist Church

June Van Thoen, Director of Music Ministries, Morristown United Methodist Church

Kevin Graf, Organist, Morristown United Methodist Church



**MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS
August 10, 2014**

Prayer Concerns

Sgt. Randall Ferrara
Michael Howard and his family,
 mourning the death of his dad
Emmy Lu Friant, mourning the death
 of her sister
Strength and healing for the family of
Christine Simone, mourning her death
Successful treatment for Allison
A Friend, successful treatment for cancer
Pray for my family as we are going through a very
tough situation. Pray that justice is served
and the innocent be set free
Jo Potter, speedy recovery following a fall
Micah, Mona's brother, heart attack and stroke
Mark, to find his way
Shannon Bain, strength and healing
Ryan, healing after surgery
Jessie, strength and healing
Jaylend, strength and healing
Barbara Martin, pulmonary fibrosis
Norman
Duc Doan
Arnie Christensen

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, August 17
 10:00 a.m. "Worship on the Green"
David Smazik preaching
Sunday, August 24
 10:00 a.m. Union Worship—MUMC
 Brandon Cho preaching
Sunday, August 31
 10:00 a.m. Union Worship—MUMC
 David Lawrence preaching

There will be a Sunday School teacher's meeting after Worship Service on August 17 to plan Kick-Off Sunday. They will meet in the Wesley Room.



*There are two more "Home Gathering" events scheduled for this summer:
Today, August 10 at 3:00 p.m. at the Van Thoen home
Friday, August 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the VanderSande home
 Pastor Brandon is anxious to meet as many of his MUMC family as he can this summer. Please take advantage of the hospitality of the folks listed above to meet our new pastor.*

Home Gatherings

Sundays in August

SUMMER CHOIR

9:15 am in the Choir Room (2nd

Floor)

Open to **anyone** 7th grade and up who wants to sing. Come and bring a friend or come as a family!
 Guaranteed seating. On the job training. Benefits include fun, laughter and joy in serving God.

ATTENTION MUMC FAMILY!!! Mark your calendars! September 7 will be a big day in the life of our church! We will be starting a new Sunday School year and celebrating the installation of Dr. Brandon Cho as our new pastor. Watch for further details regarding the 9:00 a.m. youth and adult Sunday School opening activities and an all-church luncheon celebration immediately following our 10:15 service. Plan to be a part of this special day!

REPORT ON MEDICAL MISSION TO MALAWI

Mary Ann Scharf will provide a slide show of her medical mission to Malawi in Fellowship Hall after our church service on the Green on August 17. This mission was part of the efforts of Villages in Partnership, a project supported by the Presbyterian Synod of Blantyre, Malawi. Much needed health care was provided to over 1900 people in three villages in three days. This trip also included a Safari in Liwonde, a National Park in Malawi. Members of our church donated medical supplies for this mission. This presentation is to say "thank you" for your prayers and your gifts of much needed materials. Please plan to stay after the service on August 17.



August Announcements

Vacation Bible School this week! We welcome our VBS students and families for a week of fun and learning. Thank you all for your enthusiastic support of VBS with supplies and prayers...Prayers for our successful week still welcome...

No Wednesday Chapel Service this week, August 13, because our VBS program will be in session. Chapel will resume next Wednesday, August 20, in the Parish House parlor at noon. See you then...

Summer Youth Events -- Please note changes in the dates below:

In August, the rising 6th graders officially join Ekklesia and the rising 9th graders officially join the high school group, Koinonia. Welcome to both the new 6th and 9th graders as they move into their new groups!

AUGUST 13 (was August 15) at 6pm Join us as we welcome our new 6th graders.

AUGUST 27 (was August 22) at 6pm Join us as we welcome the Freshmen.

Check the Youth page of the website for more details and location or contact Angie.

Acolyte Program ... Reminder: Training class August 14 at 12:45 p.m., lunch provided

Beginning in September, the new church schedule will allow our children, youth and adults to worship together every Sunday! Youth in grades eight to twelve are invited to join our new Acolyte program which offers a unique opportunity for teens to more fully participate in the church.

Please contact Acolyte Coordinator Lisa Fraebel (lwfraebel@gmail.com) with any questions.

Lost and Found! All the lost and found items from church, chapel and Parish House have been brought to the church office at the Parish House (65 South Street). If you've left behind coats, jackets, hats, glasses, umbrellas, etc., please stop at the office and claim them. Deadline: September 2. Thanks.