

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

August 31, 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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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2014

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† Identifies time to stand, if you are able.

PRELUDE

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Johann Krieger
Kevin Graf, Organist
Morristown United Methodist Church

INTROIT

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

This is the Day

No. 657

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.

Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

† CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105)

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

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord. Call on God's holy name.

People: Sing praises to our God. Tell of God's wonderful works.

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let the faithful glory in the Lord's awesome power.

People: Shout to our God. Proclaim God's miracles and judgments of God's mouth.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord. Rejoice that the Lord has given us a land flowing with milk and honey.

People: Let everything that draws breath praise the Living God. Let us worship the Lord God in Spirit and Truth. So be it, Lord.

† OPENING HYMN

O Worship the King

No. 73

† OPENING PRAYER (Unison; Exodus 3, Romans 12)

Dr. Cho

Great I AM, you excite our curiosity, inviting us to turn aside from the ruts we travel in to find holy ground; you appear to us in a flame of fire, teasing open our imagination and revealing windows into our world we could not conceive of on our own. Surprise us once more, Living Flame. Reveal the wonder of our world as it may be— a world where love is genuine, a world where evil is hated and the saints are honored, a world where mutual affection abides, a world where hospitality is shown to strangers, a world where enemies are loved and cared for, a world where all may be one. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. David Smazik, Pastor
The Presbyterian Church of Morristown

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison; Exodus 3, Romans 12, Matthew 16)

God of turning and returning, we would rather tend our flocks in peace, than confront the powers that oppress your people; we would rather keep silent in the face of suffering, than speak your truth for all to hear; we would rather stoke the fires of indignation, than taste the healing waters of forgiveness. Forgive us for setting our minds on human things rather than on things of your Kingdom. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news: Our God is a God of second chances, a God who invites us to turn and return to the paths of the living. In the name of the great I AM you are forgiven.

People: In the name of the great I AM, you are forgiven! Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM

Alleluia
Joint Summer Choir

Arr. John Coates

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jack Scharf

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

Thy Word Is a Lamp

No. 601

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Dr. Smazik

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.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-8a, 9-14

Jack Scharf

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians.... The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:21-25 *The Rev. Dr. David Lawrence,
Parish Associate, The Presbyterian Church of Morristown*

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Those Were the Good Old Days** *Dr. Lawrence*

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER *Dr. Smazik*
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastors*

CALL TO OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD *Dr. Cho*

OFFERTORY *Fugue in C Major*

† 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) *Dr. Lawrence*

Creator of all life, Source of all goodness, we dedicate these gifts as our response to your great love for the work of your Kingdom on this earth. We ask you to use these gifts and our lives to bless all of your people and creation in Jesus' name. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN *It Is Well with My Soul* No. 377

† BENEDICTION *Dr. Cho*

Leader: Go forth to welcome the world with the love of God.

People: Offer water to those who thirst, hope to those who despair, and light to those who are in darkness.

Leader: Go in God's steadfast love. May the blessing of God's abundant care bring you peace.

People: We go into the world in God's name to serve and to share. Amen.

All: Praise the Lord and Amen!

† POSTLUDE *Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne, BuxWV 137* Dietrich Buxtehude

† Please stand, as you are able.



THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE THE CHANCE are given by Anton Van Thoen to the glory of God and in celebration of his and June's 12th Wedding Anniversary today.

Participants in the service today are:

The Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho, Pastor, Morristown United Methodist Church
The Rev. Dr. David Smazik, Senior Pastor, The Presbyterian Church of Morristown
The Rev. Dr. David Lawrence, Parish Associate, The Presbyterian Church of Morristown
Mr. Jack Scharf, Lay Speaker, Morristown United Methodist Church
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MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS
August 31, 2014

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!

The Council of Ministries Committee

Effective and regular communication is key in the health, productivity and satisfaction of any relationship or organization. Communication is the main purpose of MUMC's Council of Ministries Committee. Co-chaired by Carol Ferraro and Holly Dinney, the group is made up of folks who lead various ministries and small groups in our church family. Meetings provide an excellent forum for information sharing, planning and creative brainstorming.

The Council of Ministries Committee will meet every other month this year. The first meeting will be on September 16.

Council of Ministry meetings are open to all church members and items to be considered for the agenda are to be sent to Holly hdinney@optonline.net

“ Creating A Vital Congregation” Sermon Series

9/7A Vital Congregation – with A Vital Future with Hope

Jeremiah 29:11; Matthew 18:20

9/14 A Vital Congregation – with Vital Faith
Hebrews 11:1; Acts 11:22-24

9/21 A Vital Congregation – with Vital Discipleship
Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 28:19-20;
John 13:34-35

9/28 A Vital Congregation – with Vital Fellowship
Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:24-25

10/5 (World communion Sunday)
A Vital congregation –with Vital Mission
Isaiah 6:8; Matthew 24:14; Acts 1:8

10/12 A Vital Congregation – with Vital Teamwork
Ecclesiastes 4:9-22; 1 Corinthians 12:20-25;
Philippians 2:1-30

Prayer Concerns

John (Ozzie) Doig, hospitalized

Grace Napia

Esma

Rita Cohen, lung cancer

Harvey Cohen, Parkinson's disease

Sgt. Randall Ferrara

Successful treatment for Allison

A Friend, successful treatment for cancer

Micah, Mona's brother, recovery

Mark, to find his way

Shannon Bain, strength and healing

Ryan, healing after surgery

Jessie, strength and healing

Barbara Martin, pulmonary fibrosis

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August Announcements August 31

Upcoming Sunday Schedules:

September 7: RALLY Sunday

8:30 a.m. Books, Bible & Beyond: Parish House, to discuss *God's Hotel* by Victoria Sweet.

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion, Sanctuary of The Presbyterian Church, Rally Day!

Parade to the Parish House for a picnic in the parking lot and program information

September 14: New Worship schedule...

7:45 a.m. Worship with the communion in the Chapel

8:45 a.m. Education Hour: Church School, Breakfast Club (MS and HS students), plus Adult studies, and *Sunday Morning Seminar*

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Blessing of Backpacks, Commissioning of Music and Education ministries

September 21: 7:45 a.m. Worship with the communion in the Chapel

8:45 a.m. Education Hour: Church School, Adult studies, *Sunday Morning Seminar*

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Baptism.

Wednesday Chapel Service, noon:

August 27: Parish House

September 3: No Chapel Service

September 10: Chapel Service in the Chapel (Morning Bible Study resumes at 10:30 a.m. in the choir room.)

Office closure: The office will be closed on September 1 in recognition of Labor Day.

Nursery School Orientation: Nursery School Orientation will be held on September 11 or 12.

Please check your schedule.

Choir Retreat: September 13, starting at 10:00 a.m. Please refer to emails from Matt Webb, or contact the church office.

Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated in worship on September 21. If you are interested in baptism for your child, please contact Mary Jo Hashagen in the church office for the schedule of classes. Contact info: 973-538-1776 or mhashagen@pcmorristown.org.

Acolyte Program ... Interested in being an Acolyte? Please contact Acolyte Coordinator Lisa Fraebel (lwfraebel@gmail.com) with any questions.

Friends of Newark: School Supply collection

It is now time for us to fill backpacks with supplies for the Newark kids. Each year with your support we fill 30+ packs. Please try to have everything at the Parish House by September 3, so they can be distributed before school starts. Any questions: janenast@aol.com, cshinnerling1@optimum.com. Thanks again for your continued support.

SUPPLY LIST: Back packs – gently used or new, 1" and 2" 3 ring binders, filler paper, pens and pencils, 2 pocket folders, erasers, pencil sharpeners, yellow highlighters, colored markers, crayons, glue sticks, white school glue, calculators, 3x5 cards, composition notebooks, hand sanitizer, small packs of tissues, book covers.

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. **Also**, we have plates, platters, baskets and assorted kitchenware, left behind after receptions and gatherings. It is stacked in the kitchen on the icemaker. Please claim your items before you need to refill them. Deadline: September 2. Thanks.