

March 15, 2009 /3rd Sunday in Lent

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“I have the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart; down in my heart to stay.” Worship should be a time of joy. Therefore, we joyously welcome all who have come to praise God.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP *“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”* Choir
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING *(Please register your attendance.)*
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING
INVOCATION
*Hymn of Praise: 400 *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 750 – Psalm 19
*Affirmation of Faith: 881 – The Apostles’ Creed
*The Gloria Patri: 70 – *“Glory Be to the Father”*

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS:
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER
THE OFFERTORY
*THE DOXOLOGY: 95 – *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

*Hymn of Preparation: 189 *“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison):
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 913 – I Corinthians 1:18 - 25

ANTHEM *“He Hideth My Soul”* Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 847 – John 2:13 - 22
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: ***“If Jesus Came to Our Church”*** Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Commitment: 593 *“Here I Am, Lord”*
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE *“May You Run and Not Be Weary”* Choir
*RECESSIONAL

*Please stand (if your health permits), as a means of giving honor to God.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

TODAY:

09:30am Altar Prayer 11:00am Morning Worship
09:30am Blood Pressure Screening 12:00pm Men’s Club
10:00am Sunday School 2:00pm Lay Speaking School

THIS WEEK: *****

Mon., Mar. 16, 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., Mar. 17, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts
7:00pm – Wisewood Neighborhood Meeting
Wed., Mar. 18, 7:00pm – Bible Study
7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Mar. 19, 6:30pm – Autism Support Group

NEXT WEEK: *****

Sun., Mar. 22, 12:00pm – Covered-Dish Luncheon and Planning Session
Mon., Mar. 23, 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., Mar. 24, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts
Wed., Mar. 25, 7:00pm – Bible Study
7:45pm – Choir Practice
Sat., Mar. 28, 7:00pm – Gospel Singing

SERVING OUR LORD:	Today	Next Week
Nursery:	Volunteer	Volunteer
Acolyte:	Andrew Joseph	Andrew Joseph

Preparation for Worship: *May our faith be fully ignited in your presence, Lord, beginning now. Amen.*

Welcome to all who visit with us today. Your presence enhances our worship of Almighty God. Please sign a visitor’s card, found in the pew racks, and give it to an usher during the offering, or sign the pew register pad found at the end of each pew. You are always welcome at Mathews.

There will be a brief Men’s Club meeting right after the worship service today. Please meet at the front of the sanctuary.

Art Class is Monday at 7:00pm. We’ve completed four banners, but still have more to go. Everyone is invited to join us!

Our next Covered-Dish Luncheon & Planning Session is next Sunday, March 22nd. Since we didn’t get finished with all our plans at the last session, we are going to have another one to continue the planning process and to follow up on the plans already made. Every member of the congregation is strongly encouraged to stay for the fellowship of the luncheon and the planning session.

Gospel Sing– Mathew UMC is hosting a Gospel Sing on Saturday, March 28 at 7:00pm. This event features ‘2 for 1’ and The Centurions. This is a free will / love offering concert. No admission charge required. Bring your family and friends, and plan now to attend this event.

Easter Egg Hunt – We have planned a Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, April 11th. We are hoping to increase the number of children from last year so we need lots of volunteers to purchase large plastic eggs and candy to put in the eggs. If you are willing to do that, then please bring the eggs and candy to the church office by April 5. Thanks for your help!