April 19, 2009

J. William Harris, Pastor

John G. Hipp, Pastor Emeritus

On this Sunday after Easter, the joy remains and the celebration continues. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! And you are each warmly welcomed to worship him. Blessings upon you!

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *"Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know"* Choir

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING *(Please register your attendance.)*

MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION

*Hymn of Praise: 327 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 850 – Psalm 133:1 - 3

*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

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*THE DOXOLOGY: 95 – *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn of Preparation: 310 *"He Lives"*

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.

THE READING OF THE EPISTLES: 982 – I John 1:1 - 2:2

ANTHEM *"One of His Own"* Choir

THE READING OF THE GOSPELS: 868 – John 20:19 - 31

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: ***"Follow Your Doubts"*** Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Commitment: 177 (2 times) *"He Is 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:

9:30am Altar Prayer 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Morning Worship

THIS WEEK: **********

Mon., April 20, 7:00pm – Art Class

Tues., April 21, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts

7:00pm – Wisewood Neighborhood Meeting

Wed., April 22, 7:00pm – Bible Study

7:45pm – Choir Practice

Thurs., April 23, 7:00pm – '3 Simple Rules' Bible Study

Sat., April 25, 10:00am – Paint Nursery

NEXT WEEK: **********

Mon., April 27, 7:00pm – Art Class

Tues., April 28, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts

Wed., April 29, 7:00pm – Bible Study

7:45pm – Choir Practice

Thurs., April 30, 7:00pm – '3 Simple Rules' Bible Study

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

Preparation for Worship: *O Lord, minister to our needy spirits so that we may depart from worship refreshed and renewed. 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.

An Honorarium for Margaret Maddox was received from the Willing Workers.

Memorials for Ben Palmer were received from:

Ms. Lottie M. Sutton Vernon & Trula Booth

'3 Simple Rules' Bible Study will begin this Thursday, April 23, at 7:00pm in the Friends-in-Christ classroom. This study is open to the entire church. Books are $6.00 each.

Painting the Nursery! This Saturday, April 25th, is the date planned to paint the nursery. We need lots of volunteers to help paint. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the pastor's office and we need volunteers to sign up by today. If we don't get enough people to sign up to paint, then we'll have to pay someone to come in and do the job for us.

To Dr. Harris and the Congregation of Mathews UMC,

I am now on my way to recovery and I am fully convinced that your prayers, thoughts and visits are what helped me through my surgery. Words cannot express my gratitude. I could feel God's love working in each and every one of you and am so proud and honored to know you.

Thank you again for caring and letting me know that regularly,

In God's Love,

Ralph & Betty Thomas