

April 26, 2009 / Native American Ministries Sunday

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**This is the Third Sunday of Easter. May the joy live on, just as Jesus does! We're sincerely pleased to have you here. We welcome you in the name of the risen Christ.**

**We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God**

PRELUDE  
CALL TO WORSHIP *"He's My Comfort"* Choir  
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING *(Please register your attendance.)*  
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING  
INVOCATION  
\*Hymn of Praise: 185 *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

**Proclaiming the Word**

\*Psalter: 741 – Psalm 4  
\*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: 707 *"Hymn of Promise"*

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: 983 – I John 3:1 - 7

ANTHEM *"What a Savior"* Choir

THE READING OF THE GOSPELS: 845 – Luke 24:36b - 49  
This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON: ***"Has Witnessing for Christ Gone Out of Style?"*** Dr. Bill Harris

**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn of Commitment: 174 (2 times) *"His Name Is Wonderful"*  
\*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 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

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

**Sun.**, May 3,        9:30am – Blood Pressure Screening                      3:00pm – Emerald Gardens  
**Mon.**, May 4,        7:00pm – Art Class  
**Tues.**, May 5,        6:30pm – Cub Scouts                      7:00pm – Circle #2                      7:00pm – Trustees  
**Wed.**, May 6,        7:00pm – Bible Study                      7:45pm – Choir Practice  
**Thurs.**, May 7,        11:30am – VIP's                              7:00pm – '3 Simple Rules' Bible Study

<b>SERVING OUR LORD:</b>	<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>Next Week</u></b>
<b>Nursery:</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Andrew Joseph	Andrew Joseph

**Preparation for Worship:** *Dear Lord, enable us to sense a new dawn in our spiritual lives, that we may glorify you always. 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.

**Today is Native American Ministries Sunday.** On this Sunday, United Methodists celebrate the gifts and contributions of Native Americans. Whether it's providing shelter for victims of domestic violence, filling food pantries, starting new churches or educating seminary students, this special offering is one way we honor Native Americans. Please read the enclosed brochure and give generously by using the envelope provided.

**May / June Newsletter** – If you have any information for the newsletter, please get it to Libby by this Tuesday, April 28. We also need the names of all high school and college graduates (that are related to our members), so that we can list them in the newsletter.

**Vacation Bible School** will be here before you know it. It has been scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Please be thinking about how you would like to help. Ann Landis and Libby Joseph are the Co-directors and Audrey Lockaby is in charge of the meals. We will have a meeting soon to discuss all that needs to be done.



*"Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you can only spend it once. (Miquel De Cervantes)*