January 24, 2010 / Ecumenical Sunday

J. William Harris, Pastor

John G. Hipp, Pastor Emeritus

Many Christians call this Ecumenical Sunday. Ecumenical means "the whole inhabited world." We welcome all persons to our worship as we celebrate our "oneness in Christ."

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *"I Just Keep Trusting My Lord"* Choir

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

MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION

*Hymn of Praise: 144 *"This Is My Father's World"*

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter Reading: 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

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn of Preparation: 465 *"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"*

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: 920 – I Corinthians 12:4 - 13

ANTHEM *"Jesus Is Lord of All"* Choir

THE READING OF THE GOSPELS: 818 – Luke 4:14 - 21

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *"A Chance to Be Like Jesus"* Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Commitment: 334 *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *"This Is My Story"* 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

10:00am Sunday School 12:00pm Lay Speakers & Witness Evangelism.

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

Mon., Jan. 25, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts 7:00pm – Art Class

Wed., Jan. 27, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

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

Mon., Feb. 1, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts 7:00pm – Art Class

Tues., Feb. 2, 7:00pm – Circle #2

Wed., Feb. 3, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

Thurs., Feb. 4, 11:30am – VIP's 7:00pm – Trustees Meeting

7:30pm – Finance Committee Meeting

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

Preparation for Worship: *Lord of all, may we strongly sense your presence now. May each of us realize our calling from you and respond joyfully. 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 Nancy Fleming was received from the Willing Workers.

A Memorial for John W. Cox was received from his family.

Lay Speakers & Witness/Evangelism Committee – Today, after the morning worship, these two groups will meet in the Social Hall for an Eat & Meet session. This meeting is also open to anyone who has an interest in the planning of church events for the year.

Souper Bowl of Caring is Sunday, Feb. 7. This year, instead of collecting for a local charity in our area, we have decided that we would respond to the need in Haiti. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is asking for donations so they can send mission teams to Haiti. When you donate to UMCOR, you don't have to worry about where your money is going and how it is spent. All donations will be used for the Haiti relief effort. This is our chance to help our fellow Christians in Haiti. Be in prayer for the Haitian people and give generously on Feb. 7.

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The Men's Club will hold their annual Sweetheart Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 6:30pm at Sweet Peas Family Restaurant. All widows, wives, and sweethearts are invited to attend.

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