

April 12, 2009 / Easter Sunday

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**Easter Sunday is the most important day in the Christian calendar. It's the day Christ proved he is Lord over sin and death. Let us heartily join together to celebrate and rejoice. Welcome to all!**

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *"He Is Lord"* Choir

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

MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION

\*Hymn of Praise: 302 *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

**Proclaiming the Word**

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: 314 *"In the Garden"*

\*Affirmation of Faith: 881 – The Apostles' Creed

\*The Gloria Patri: 70 – *"Glory Be to the Father"*

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 HOLY SCRIPTURES: 867 – John 20:1 - 18

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

***Thanks be to God.***

EASTER ANTHEM Choir

*"Majesty, Worship His Majesty / The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"*

*"What Will You Do With Jesus? / I Surrender All"*

*"Our God Reigns"*

SERMON: ***"These Who See the Risen Christ"*** Dr. Bill Harris

**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn of Commitment: 304 *"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* 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 13, 7:0pm – Art Class

**Wed.**, April 15, 7:00pm – Bible Study

7:45pm – Choir Practice

**Thurs.**, April 16, 6:30pm – Men's Club

6:30pm – Autism Support Group

**NEXT 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

<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:** *Help each of us, O Lord, to experience the same joy which the friends of Jesus felt when meeting the risen Christ. 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.

**Flowers are a lovely gift from God.** Today's arrangements have been placed in the sanctuary by the Snelling family; given to the glory of God and in loving memory of JoAnn Snelling in remembrance of her birthday on April 12 and in honor of Melinda Snelling and Allie Snelling in celebration of their April birthdays.

**Art Class** is Monday at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to join us!

**'3 Simple Rules' Bible Study** will begin on 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!** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**God Knows ...**

A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like a prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained: "I'm praying, but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me, because He knows what I'm thinking." (Charles B. Vaughan)