

APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY

**MISSION STATEMENT: TO BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST
AND NURTURE THEM IN THE FAITH**



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MAXWELL METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 20, 2025 – EASTER SUNDAY
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PIANIST: DEB MITCHELL
***PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**

PRELUDE DEB MITCHELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WORSHIP WITH PRAISE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

LEADER: HE HAS RISEN!

PEOPLE: HE HAS RISEN INDEED!

LEADER: WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR VICTORY?

PEOPLE: WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR STING?

LEADER: DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY!

**PEOPLE: CHRIST HAS INDEED BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD,
THE FIRST FRUITS OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP.**

LEADER: FOR WE KNOW THAT SINCE CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD,
HE CANNOT DIE AGAIN, DEATH NO LONGER HAS MASTERY OVER
HIM.

**PEOPLE: FOR THIS VERY REASON,
CHRIST DIED AND RETURNED TO LIFE
SO THAT HE MIGHT BE THE LORD OF BOTH
THE DEAD AND THE LIVING.**

LEADER: JESUS SAID, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.
HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN THOUGH HE DIES;
AND WHOEVER LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE."

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!
HE GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

PRAISE TEAM

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:**

"CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY" HYMNAL #251 (VS 1-4)

SSNOW

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN. "THINE IS THE GLORY" HYMNAL #255

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

PRAISE / PRAYER REQUESTS

*PRAYER CHORUS "HE IS LORD" HYMNAL #268

PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE WORSHIP WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING PLATES WILL BE AT BOTH DOORS AS YOU ENTER OR LEAVE AND WILL NOT BE PASSED.

***DOXOLOGY**

WE WORSHIP AS WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTUREMATTHEW 28 1-8 (NIV)

JESUS HAS RISEN

28 AFTER THE SABBATH, AT DAWN ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, MARY MAGDALENE AND THE OTHER MARY WENT TO LOOK AT THE TOMB.

² THERE WAS A VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE, FOR AN ANGEL OF THE LORD CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND, GOING TO THE TOMB, ROLLED BACK THE STONE AND SAT ON IT. ³ HIS APPEARANCE WAS LIKE LIGHTNING, AND HIS CLOTHES WERE WHITE AS SNOW. ⁴ THE GUARDS WERE SO AFRAID OF HIM THAT THEY SHOOK AND BECAME LIKE DEAD MEN.

⁵ THE ANGEL SAID TO THE WOMEN, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR I KNOW THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. ⁶ HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN, JUST AS HE SAID. COME AND SEE THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY. ⁷ THEN GO QUICKLY AND TELL HIS DISCIPLES: 'HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD AND IS GOING AHEAD OF YOU INTO GALILEE. THERE YOU WILL SEE HIM.' NOW I HAVE TOLD YOU."

⁸ SO THE WOMEN HURRIED AWAY FROM THE TOMB, AFRAID YET FILLED WITH JOY, AND RAN TO TELL HIS DISCIPLES.

SERMON.PASTOR ROB BACON

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN. "BECAUSE HE LIVES" HYMNAL #265

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE.DEB MITCHELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS** : BY APPOINTMENT. ROB'S NUMBER 515-460-8885; CAROL'S NUMBER 515-460-8969
- **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**: PLEASE FORWARD BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS TO OFFICE@MAXWELLMC.ORG BY WEDNESDAY. THE BULLETIN IS POSTED ON THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE [HTTPS://WWW.MAXWELLMC.ORG](https://WWW.MAXWELLMC.ORG) UNDER THE BULLETINS TAB.
- **FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP**: PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP TO BRING REFRESHMENTS FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME.
- **APRIL 20**: TODAY EASTER SUNDAY
- **APRIL 27**: TBD YOUTH GROUP
- **BIBLE STUDY**: WILL BEGIN APRIL 27 AFTER CHURCH. MAX LUCADO'S "*WHAT HAPPENS NEXT*." IF YOU HAVE NOT PICKED UP THE STUDY BOOK, SEE PASTOR ROB. BOOKS ARE \$15. READ THE FIRST TWO CHAPTERS FOR THE FIRST CLASS.

ATTENTION! CALENDARIZE PLEASE!

THE PARSONAGE WILL BE GETTING NEW TENANTS COME JULY OR AUGUST (LIKELY AUGUST). LOTS OF HELP WILL BE NEEDED PREPPING THE PARSONAGE ONCE OUR CURRENT TENANTS MOVE OUT BY JUNE 30TH.

WOULD YOU PLEASE CALENDARIZE THE WEEKENDS OF JULY 5TH AND 6TH, 12TH AND 13TH AND THE 19TH AND 20TH TO HELP WITH CLEANING UP, PAINTING, AND REPAIRS? THOUGH I'M RETIRED AND WILL BE SPENDING A LOT OF JULY DOING THIS WORK LIKELY BY MYSELF DURING THE WEEK, I DO HAVE A LIFE, TOO, AND WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYONE/ANYONE'S HELP DURING THAT MONTH UNTIL WE GET IT READY TO SHOW AND READY FOR A NEW TENANT TO MOVE IN. WHEN YOU COME TO HELP, FEEL FREE TO BRING ANY CLEANING/PAINTING SUPPLIES YOU MIGHT HAVE - OTHERWISE, WE'LL HAVE TO PURCHASE WHAT WE NEED FROM DOLLAR GENERAL. I HOPE TO HAVE THE PAINT READY AND ON HAND. AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE A KEY BUT WANT TO WORK DURING THE WEEK, INCLUDING ANY EVENING, LET ME KNOW AND IF I'M NOT THERE, I'LL GET YOU A KEY (MAYBE EVEN JUST HIDE ONE AND TELL EVERYONE WHERE IT IS?).

RICH WEHRMAN