

APRIL 27, 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

WHAT HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO EMMAUS?



Luke 24:13-35



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Maxwell Methodist Church
April 27, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Easter
Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon
Pianist: Deb Mitchell
***Please stand if able**

Prelude Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

Praise Team

We Worship With Praise

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

People: The road between fear and hope,

Leader: The road between the place where all is lost
And the place of resurrection.

People: Like the disciples walking the Road to Emmaus,

Leader: We are need of your company!

People: Jesus, stand among us

Leader: In your risen power

People: Let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.

***Congregational Song:**

“I Know that my Redeemer Lives” OGRP #261

We Worship Through Prayer

Prayer

Prayer Requests

Prayer Chorus “He is Lord” OGRP #268

Silent Prayer / 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

Scripture Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)

On the Road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Sermon. "On the Road to Emmaus" Speaker Carol Bacon

*Congregational Song. "He Lives" OGRP #257

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> under the bulletins tab.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please be sure to sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship time.
- **April 27:** TBD Youth Group
- **April 28:** 9:00 am Volunteer Sewing Group
- **Bible Study**: Will begin today after church. Max Lucado's *"What Happens Next"*.
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Attention! Calendarize please!

The Parsonage will be getting a new tenant in July or 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

SSNOW Notes
April 23, 2025

Next Wednesday, April 30th, will be the last SSNOW class for the year. Thank you parents, for giving us the opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with your children. Classes will resume in September. I wanted to let you all know that I've decided to step down from my role as SSNOW Director at the end of this year. After 10 wonderful years, it feels like the right time to pass the torch. I'm so grateful for your support, encouragement, and partnership over the years – it's truly meant the world to me. Being a part of your children's faith journey has been one of the greatest joys of my life. It's been an amazing 10 years, and I'm so thankful for all of your support along the way. Working with your kids and seeing them grow in their faith has been such a gift – I've truly loved every moment.

I'm so excited to share that Danielle Frank will be stepping in as the new director. She has a heart for this ministry, and I know she'll do a great job leading and caring for the children.

As we look ahead to the new year, we're hoping to gather some extra volunteers to help make the transition smooth and continue the great work we've started. If you are interested in helping out – whether it's teaching, assisting, or just lending a hand occasionally – please let us know. Every little bit helps.

Thank you again for an incredible 10 years. I'm excited for what's ahead and confident that the SSNOW program will thrive under Danielle's leadership.

-Mary