

**MAY 4, 2025**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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



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**Maxwell Methodist Church**  
**May 4, 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Full and high salvation is receivable by mere faith,

**People: And hindered only by unbelief.**

Leader: Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees

**People: And looks to that alone;**

Leader: Laughs at impossibilities

**People: And cries: "It shall be done!"**

\*Congregational Song. .... OGRP #135  
"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

Special Music. .... Lee Sharp

**We Worship Through Prayer**

Praise / Requests

Prayer Chorus ..... "He is Lord" ..... OGRP #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**

Scripture . . . . . 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NIV)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Thanksgiving**

<sup>3</sup>I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

### **Appeal for Loyalty to Paul and the Gospel**

<sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup>For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. <sup>8</sup>So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. <sup>9</sup>He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. <sup>12</sup>That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

<sup>13</sup>What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Congregational Hymn. . . . . OGRP #571

“I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace”

Sermon. . . . .Pastor Rob Bacon

\*Congregational Hymn. . .“I Love to Tell the Story” Vs.1. . . . OGRP #160

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](mailto: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.
- **Bible Study**: Continues today after church. Max Lucado's "*What Happens Next.*"

### **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