

JULY 13, 2025
5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MISSION STATEMENT: TO BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST
AND NURTURE THEM IN THE FAITH

Hebrews 2:18

*Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing,
he is able to help us when we are being tested.*



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Maxwell Methodist Church
July 13, 2025 – 5th Sunday After Pentecost
Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon
Pianist: Deb Mitchell
***Please stand if able**

Prelude Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Prayer

Praise Team

***Congregational Song. “Lamb of God”. TFWS #2113**

***The Apostles’ Creed:**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried,
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again,
he ascended into heaven
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Congregational Singing.Green Book #3085
"The Power of the Cross"

Prayer Requests / Praise / Thanksgivings
Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Tithes & Offering

Offering plates will be at both doors as you enter or leave and will not be passed.

***Doxology**

***Offertory Prayer**

Scriptures: Hebrews 2:10-18, Luke 23:13-25, 1 Peter 3:18-20 (NIV)

Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹²He says,

"I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises."

¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him."

And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

¹⁴Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Luke 23:13-25

¹³Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶Therefore, I will punish him and then release him." [¹⁷]*

**Some manuscripts add verse 17: At every Passover Festival Pilate had to set free one prisoner for them.*

¹⁸ But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” ¹⁹ (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

²⁰ Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. ²¹ But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

²² For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.”

²³ But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate decided to grant their demand. ²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

1 Peter: 3-18-20

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,

Sermon: “This I Believe....Jesus Suffered, Died, and Was Buried”
Pastor Rob Bacon

***Congregational Song. .“O How He Loves You and Me”. .TFWS #2108**

Benediction

***Postlude.Deb Mitchell**

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**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.
- **Confirmation Class This Fall**: We will have a Confirmation Class this fall. If you know of a student who wishes to attend, please let Pastor Rob know. Additional details to follow.