

March 8, 2026



**Mission Statement: To Bring People to Christ
And Nurture Them in the Faith**



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***Please stand if able**

Prelude Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

We Worship as We Rejoice

The Praise Team

We Worship as We Gather

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**People: Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving
and extol Him with music and song.**

Leader: Everyone who drinks the water Jesus Gives will never thirst.

**People: We come to worship the one
who quenches our deepest thirst.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the living God.

ALL: We lift our hearts to the Lord of living water!

We Worship in Prayer

***God of grace and God of glory, we confess that we often grumble and ignore Your charitable provision. We seek fulfillment in what cannot satisfy past the flesh and the moment. Forgive us and draw us back into Your fold. We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

We Worship as in Song

*Hymn. "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hymnal #47

We Worship in Prayer

Praises and Requests

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Worship in Giving

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

***Doxology / *Offertory Prayer**

We Worship by Hearing the Word

Psalm 107:1-9 (NIV)

Psalm 107

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
- ² Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe
- ³ those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.
- ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastelands,
finding no way to a city where they could settle.
- ⁵ They were hungry and thirsty,
and their lives ebbed away
- ⁶ Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress
- ⁷ He led them by a straight way
to a city where they could settle
- ⁸ Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
- ⁹ for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

John 4:5-42 (NIV)

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹ “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

The Disciples Rejoin Jesus

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

Many Samaritans Believe

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

We Worship in Song

Hymn. “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”. Hymnal #37

We Worship in Learning the Word

Sermon. “May I Have a Drink of Water”. Pastor Rob Bacon

We Worship as in Song

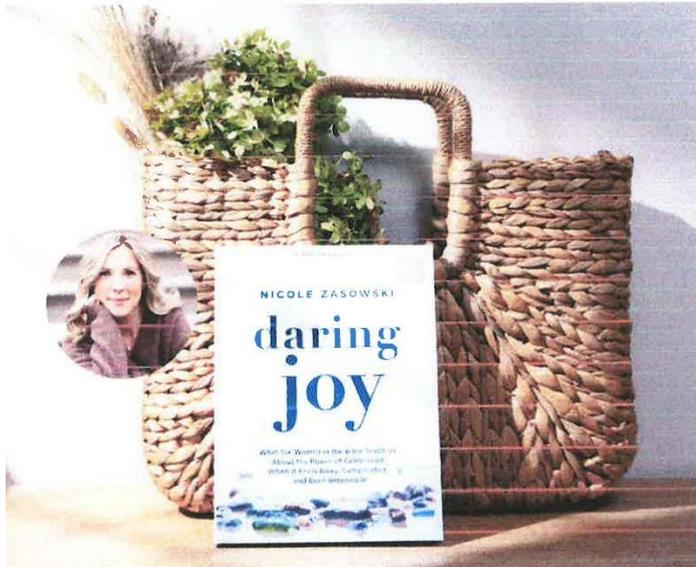
*Hymn. “Fill My Cup, Lord”. Green Book #3093
(Vs. 1 & 2)

*Benediction

Postlude. Deb Mitchell

Announcements

- **Pastor’s Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob 515-460-8885; Carol 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship time.
- **SSNOW**: Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- **Babes Bible Study**: Thursday @ 6:30 pm
- **March 8**: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- **March 8 @ 5:15 – 7:00 pm**: Youth Group meet at the church
- **March 22**: Youth Group Activity TBD



Join us for this 7-session
Bible study by Nicole Zasowski
to discover the enduring joy Jesus promises. Through the
examples of six women in the Bible who model both the
vulnerability of joy and the power of celebration, you'll
see that God longs for you to embrace abundant joy!

Bible Babes (Build And Bless Every Soul)

When: Starting 3/12/26 for 7 weeks (Thursdays)

Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Maxwell Methodist Church lower level