

July 19, 2026
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**The ROOT of
justification
is by FAITH**



**The FRUIT of
Justification,
is by WORKS**

James 2:14



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Pianist: Deb Mitchell
***Please stand if able**

Prelude. Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

We are led in Worship

Praise Team

We Worship in Prayer

Opening Prayer

We Worship in Song

*Praise Hymn “Here I Am to Worship” . . . Green Book #3177

We Worship in Prayer

Praise Offerings / 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

James 2:14-26 (NIV)

Faith and Deeds

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did

when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

We Worship in Learning the Word

Message: ““The Lord Tests Faith by Good Works”. . . .Pastor Rob Bacon

We Worship in Song

*Closing Song.“Fight the Good Fight:”Hymnal #473

*Closing Prayer

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
- **Tuesday, July 21 @ 9 am**: Volunteer Sewing Group

Coloring pages are on the table in the back of the sanctuary if your child would want one.