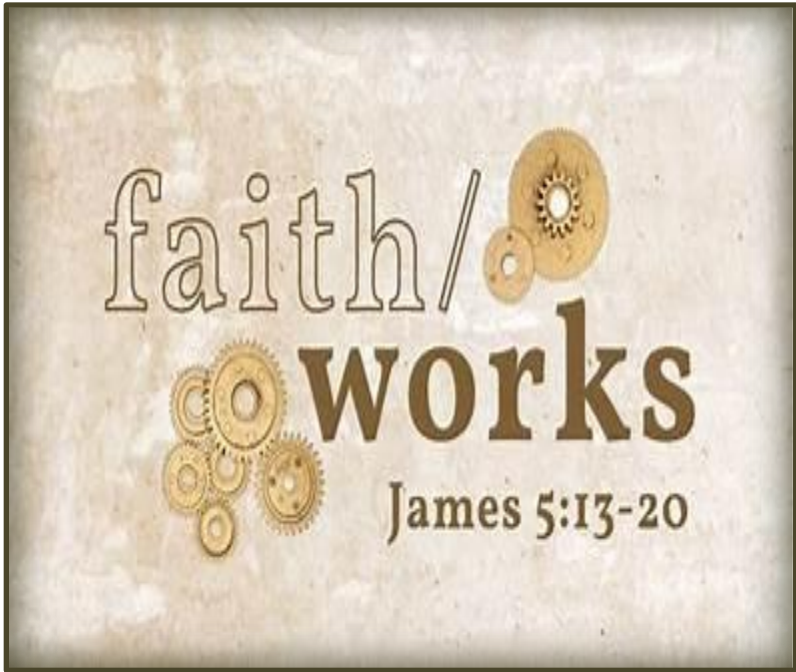


August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Maxwell Methodist Church
August 23, 2026 – Thirteen Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon

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:**

**O Holy God, open unto us light for our darkness,
courage for our fears, hope for our despair.
O Holy God, open unto us wisdom for our confusion,
forgiveness for our sins, love for our hate.
O God of peace, open unto us peace for our turmoil,
joy for our sorrow, strength for our weakness.
O generous God, open our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.**

We Worship in Song

***Opening Hymn “Grace Alone” TFWS #2162**

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 5:1-20

Warning to Rich Oppressors

5 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord

Almighty. ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

Patience in Suffering

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

¹² Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.

The Prayer of Faith

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

We Worship in Learning the Word

Message: "Plutocrats, Patience, and Prayer". . . . Pastor Rob Bacon

We Worship in Song

*Closing Song. . . . , , "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine". . . . , , Hymnal #570

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
- **August 25, Tuesday @ 9 am**: Volunteer Sewing Group
- **September 10 @ 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**: Women's Bible Study "Breathe". See below.

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

EMPTY IS THE NEW FULL







Our plates are full, piled high and spilling over with commitments, responsibilities, and activities. Schedule-driven living leaves us empty and spent in all the wrong ways. But emptying our schedule for Sabbath offers fullness that helps us move from day to day with more peace, more joy, and more opportunity to *Breathe*.
lifeway.com/breathe

