

MARCH 9, 2025

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

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



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PIANIST: DEB MITCHELL

***PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**

PRELUDE DEB MITCHELL

PRAISE MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE TEAM

WE WORSHIP WITH PRAISE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: COME, MY LIGHT, AND ILLUMINATE MY DARKNESS.

PEOPLE: **COME, MY LIFE, AND REVIVE ME FROM DEATH.**

LEADER: COME, MY PHYSICIAN, AND HEAL MY WOUNDS.

PEOPLE: **COME, FLAME OF DIVINE LOVE, AND BURN UP THE THORNS OF MY SINS, KINDLING MY HEART WITH THE FLAME OF THY LOVE.**

LEADER: COME, MY KING, SIT UPON THE THRONE OF MY HEART AND REIGN THERE.

PEOPLE: **FOR THOU ALONE ART MY KING AND MY LORD.**

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "MY JESUS I LOVE THEE." HYMNAL #172

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER / PASTORAL PRAYER

WE WORSHIP WITH OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

WE WORSHIP AS WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN . . . "HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE" HYMNAL #465

SCRIPTURE ROMANS 12:14-21 (NIV)

¹⁴ BLESS THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU; BLESS AND DO NOT CURSE. ¹⁵ REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE; MOURN WITH THOSE WHO MOURN. ¹⁶ LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER. DO NOT BE PROUD, BUT BE WILLING TO ASSOCIATE WITH PEOPLE OF LOW POSITION. DO NOT BE CONCEITED.

¹⁷ DO NOT REPAY ANYONE EVIL FOR EVIL. BE CAREFUL TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT IN THE EYES OF EVERYONE. ¹⁸ IF IT IS POSSIBLE, AS FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, LIVE AT PEACE WITH EVERYONE. ¹⁹ DO NOT TAKE REVENGE, MY DEAR FRIENDS, BUT LEAVE ROOM FOR GOD'S WRATH, FOR IT IS WRITTEN: "IT IS MINE TO AVENGE; I WILL REPAY," SAYS THE LORD. ²⁰ ON THE CONTRARY:

"IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM;

IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO DRINK.

IN DOING THIS, YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."

²¹ DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.

SERMON "MILEPOST 7 & 8, LOVING LIKE JESUS" ROB BACON

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN . . . "O HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME" TFW'S 3620

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE CONFESSION:

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS AND LAMENT THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART. WE FAILED TO BE AN OBEDIENT CHURCH. WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. WE ARE TRULY SORRY AND WE HUMBLY REPENT.

BECAUSE THE REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SIN IS MORE THAN WE CAN BEAR, HAVE MERCY ON US AND FORGIVE US, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, PARDON US OF ALL THAT IS PAST, AND GRANT THAT WE MAY EVER SERVE YOU IN NEWNESS OF LIFE, TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

THE PARDON

THE COMFORTING WORDS

THE PEACE

THE PEACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE ALWAYS WITH YOU.
AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**WE DO NOT PRESUME TO COME TO THIS THY TABLE,
O, MERCIFUL LORD.
TRUSTING IN OUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT IN THY
MANIFOLD AND GREAT MERCIES.
WE ARE NOT WORTHY SO MUCH AS TO GATHER UP THE
CRUMBS UNDER THY TABLE.
BUT THOU ART THE SAME LORD, WHOSE CHARACTER IS
ALWAYS TO HAVE MERCY.
GRANT US, THEREFORE, GRACIOUS LORD, SO TO PARTAKE OF
THIS SACRAMENT OF THY SON JESUS CHRIST,
THAT WE MAY WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE, MAY GROW INTO
HIS LIKENESS, AND MAY EVERMORE DWELL IN HIM,
AND HE IN US. AMEN.**

THE RECEPTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN. . . . “IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”. . . . HYMNAL #377

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 BY WEDNESDAY. THE BULLETIN IS POSTED ON THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE [HTTPS://WWW.MAXWELLMC.ORG](https://www.maxwellmc.org) UNDER THE BULLETINS TAB.
- **FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP**: PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP TO BRING REFRESHMENTS FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME.
- **MARCH 9**: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS TODAY
- **MARCH 29 @ 8:30 AM**: MEN'S BREAKFAST
- **APRIL 13**: PALM SUNDAY
- **APRIL 17**: MAUNDY THURSDAY
- **APRIL 18**: GOOD FRIDAY
- **APRIL 20**: EASTER SUNDAY

BIBLE STUDY:

WILL BEGIN THE WEEK AFTER EASTER. MAX LUCADO'S "*WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.*"
SEE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE WESLEY CAFÉ.

SAVE YOUR PLASTIC SACKS:

NEVADA FOOD AT FIRST IS IN NEED OF PLASTIC SACKS USED FOR FOOD DELIVERY. A
COLLECTION TUB IS IN THE WESLEY CAFÉ.

HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT:

THE CHURCH HAS SIGNED UP FOR FIBER OPTIC INTERNET WITH HUXLEY
COMMUNICATIONS, AND THEY WILL BE INSTALLING A BOX FOR FIBER OPTIC INTERNET
IN THE NEAR FUTURE.