

MARCH 23, 2025

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

**BUT NOW, BRING ME A
HARPIST." AND WHILE THE
HARPIST PLAYED, THE
HAND OF THE LORD CAME
UPON ELISHA
- 2 KINGS 3:15**



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MAXWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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PIANIST: DEB MITCHELL

***PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**

NOTE CHANGE: OGRP OUR GREAT REDEEMERS PRAISE NEW HYMNAL

PRELUDE..... DEB MITCHELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WORSHIP WITH PRAISE

*CONGREGATIONAL SONG "O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES" (VS 1-4) OGRP #1

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(PSALM 100)

LEADER: "SHOUT FOR JOY TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH!

PEOPLE: SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS; COME BEFORE HIM WITH JOYFUL SONGS.

LEADER: KNOW THAT THE LORD IS GOD. IT IS HE WHO MADE US, AND WE ARE HIS;

PEOPLE: WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS PASTURE"

(PSALM 95)

LEADER: "COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD.

PEOPLE: LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION.

LEADER: LET US COME BEFORE HIM WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE; LET US SING TO HIM.

PEOPLE: LET US SING PRAISES TO HIM."

(PSALM 103:1-2)

LEADER: "BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND ALL MY BEING, BLESS HIS HOLY NAME.

PEOPLE: BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS."

(PSALM 118:24)

ALL: "THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT."

*CONGREGATIONAL SONG “GOD OF GRACE AND GLORY” OGRP #45

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER / PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE WORSHIP WITH OUR GIFTS

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

*DOXOLOGY

WE WORSHIP WITH DEDICATION OF NEW HYMNALS

DEDICATION LITURGY AND PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING “BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES” OGRP #464
“WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN” . . . OGRP #637

WE WORSHIP AS WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE 2 KINGS 3:14-15 (NIV)
¹⁴ ELISHA SAID, “AS SURELY AS THE LORD ALMIGHTY LIVES, WHOM I SERVE, IF I DID NOT HAVE RESPECT FOR THE PRESENCE OF JEHOSEPHAT KING OF JUDAH, I WOULD NOT PAY ANY ATTENTION TO YOU. ¹⁵ BUT NOW BRING ME A HARPISIT.”
WHILE THE HARPISIT WAS PLAYING, THE HAND OF THE LORD CAME ON ELISHA.

SERMON. “MUSIC IN WORSHIP” ROB BACON

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN. “REDEEMED” OGRP #630

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 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.
- **GMC UPPER MIDWST CONFERENCE SUMMER CAMPS**
 - Grinnell, IA - Summer Games University (July 7-11, 2025) for students who have finished 6th-12th grades.
 - *The mission of Summer Games is to engage students in their relationships with Jesus, other Christians, and local community to achieve full participation in the Church. We accomplish this mission through a one-week camp experience on the campus at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. Summer Games offers students the chance to connect with peers from across the state, receive mentorship and guidance from their huddle leaders, and have fun in worship and games.*
 - Wyoming, IA - Camp Bear Creek for 1st-12th grade students. Different week-long offerings held from June 15-July 25.
 - Learn More Visit:
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