March 30, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent Mission Statement: To Bring People to Christ AND NURTURE THEM IN THE FAITH

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"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."



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MAXWELL METHODIST CHURCH MARCH 30, 2025 PASTOR: ROBERT BACON; LAY SPEAKER: CAROL BACON

PIANIST: DEB MITCHELL

*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

NOTE CHANGE: OGRP OUR GREAT REDEEMERS PRAISE NEW HYMNAL

PRELUDE DEB MITCHELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE TEAM

WE WORSHIP WITH PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

| LEADER: | COME, YOU WHO THIRST FOR GRACE. |
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| PEOPLE: | COME, YOU WHO HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS. |
| LEADER: | COME, YOU WHO ARE A STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND. |
| PEOPLE: | COME, YOU WHO ARE LIKE A CHILD AT HOME. |
| LEADER: | COME, FOR CHRIST WELCOMES YOU TO THIS TIME AND PLACE. |
| PEOPLE: | WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP GOD. |
| LEADER: | Then let us worship God. |

*CONGREGATIONAL SONG "TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY"...... OGRP #316

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER / PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL SONG. LAMB OF GOD"..... TFWS #2113

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 AS WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTUREJOHN 12:20-33 (NIV)

Jesus Predicts His Death

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.
²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN. . "O HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME"". . TFWS #2108

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 <u>HTTPS://WWW.MAXWELLMC.ORG</u> UNDER THE BULLETINS TAB.
- FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP: PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP TO BRING REFRESHMENTS FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME.
- March 31 @ 9 AM: VOLUNTEER SEWING GROUP
- April 13: PALM SUNDAY
- April 13: 5:15 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP
- April 17: MAUNDY THURSDAY
- April 18: GOOD Friday
- April 20: Easter Sunday
- April 27: TBD Youth Group
- BIBLE STUDY:
- WILL BEGIN THE WEEK AFTER EASTER. MAX LUCADO'S "WHAT HAPPENS NEXT." SEE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE WESLEY CAFÉ.
- 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: <u>https://www.uppermidwestgmc.org/_files/ugd/e430ce_81cca36</u> <u>33bb748fea55297c6868aed1d.pdf</u>