

Banning United Methodist Church

16th Sunday After Pentecost

September 28, 2025

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP	Cathy Mauge
WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS	Myrle Petty
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Myrle Petty
INTRODUCTION	Myrle Petty
PASSING OF THE PEACE	Rev. Thomas Yu

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE	Cathy Mauge
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES	

CALL TO WORSHIP	Myrle Petty
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One: When I am troubled.

All: You lift me up to stand on lofty mountains.

One: With uncertainty ahead.

All: You lift me up to walk on stormy seas.

One: When injustice abounds.

All: You lift me up to be the person I am called to be.

OPENING HYMN	"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"	UMH #133
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†OPENING PRAYER	Myrle Petty
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Heavenly Father, this is the day that You have made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Thank You, Father, for waking us this morning, so that we can come to worship You in spirit and in truth. Teach us today, how to dwell in the secret place of the most high, and when trouble comes, we will be sheltered under the shadow of Your wings. Open our ears and our hearts, so that we may apprehend what the Holy Spirit has in store for us, as we listen to Your *holy word*. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16 NRSV

¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, ² will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; ⁴ he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. ¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. ¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

NEW TESTAMENT READING	Rev. Thomas Yu
Luke 16: 19 -31 NRSV	

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child,

remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN	“Rock of Ages” (verses 1 and 4)	UMH #361
SERMON	“When Trouble Knocks on the Door”	Rev. Thomas Yu
PRAYERS		Myrle Petty
CHILDREN IN PRAYER (After each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)		
SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS		
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Thomas Yu
THE LORD’S PRAYER: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.		
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS		Myrle Petty
OFFERTORY		Cathy Mauge
MASON JAR MINISTRY		
†DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	UMH #95
†PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Myrle Petty
God, our refuge and fortress, our deliverer and protector, we thank You for hearing our call and for rescuing us. We thank You for the gift of our salvation. Bless now these gifts that we offer back to You—the gifts of our resources, the gifts of our hearts. Use these gifts so that others may come to know the life that really is life. Amen.		
SENDING FORTH		
CLOSING HYMN	“You Are My Hiding Place”	FWS #2055 (insert)
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
†BENEDICTION		Rev. Thomas Yu
CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD		
POSTLUDE		Cathy Mauge