

Banning United Methodist Church

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Dan Mabey

We ask that you please sign the attendance book, then pass it to the middle aisle. If you are here this morning as a guest, please include your address and phone number, so that we can reach out to you. If this is your first time visiting and would like to introduce yourself, please raise your hand, and a microphone will be brought to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Mabey

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Mabey

L: In this family of faith, we have a place where we will always belong.

P: Here, we find friends who will love us as children of the Most High.

L: In this house of God, we worship a King who rules with equity.

P: Here, we follow One whose steadfast love endures forever.

L: Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

P: Thanks be to God.

†OPENING HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

UMH #399

†OPENING PRAYER

Dan Mabey

Lord of the Sabbath, when our spirits feel withered, we yearn to touch Your healing power. Be with us in our hour of need, and become the joy of our salvation. Our mouths long to sing Your praise, and our eyes long to see Your glory. In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Dan Mabey

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 NRSV

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. ¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. ¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

†**GOSPEL READING**

Pastor Doug

Mark 2:23-3:6 NRSV

²³One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is LORD even of the sabbath."

¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Lord Over the Sabbath"

Pastor Doug

PRAYERS

Pastor Doug

CHILDREN IN PRAYER (After each slide: In Your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer**)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dan Mabey

OFFERTORY

Cathy Mauge

†**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.

†**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Dan Mabey

O God, our hearts sing with Thanksgiving for the many gifts and graces You bring into our lives. We thank You for Your steadfast love and faithful Spirit. Receive this offering and the gifts of our whole selves, that we might give as we have received and love as we have been loved. Amen

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

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CONFESSION AND PARDON.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Let us Break Bread Together"

Hymn #618

SENDING FORTH

†**CLOSING HYMN**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH #526

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE