

Banning United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP	Maxine Hoth		
WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS	Denise Cosgrove		
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Denise Cosgrove		
PASSING OF THE PEACE	Pastor Doug		
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION	Pastor Doug		
GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE: IN MEMORY, NAMING DEDICATIONS	Pastor Doug		
Stanley E. Klippi	Charlotte Raney	Shirley G. Majors	Virginia Mills
Donald B. Peterson	Eva K. Peterson	Amy Hobert-Herr	

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE	Maxine Hoth
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES	
†CALL TO WORSHIP	Denise Cosgrove
L: How shall we live when lavished with love?	
P: "We are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future."	
L: Just as in our origins, our future is tied to our planet.	
P: Creator has given us partners for mutual flourishing.	
L: Let us worship God, Who makes all things new. Amen.	
†OPENING HYMN	"Amazing Grace" UMH #378
†OPENING PRAYER	Denise Cosgrove
God of Hope, we see Your love poured out for us in all the world. Make us more like You. Teach us to live together as one community human and beyond-human, creature and created to Your glory, so Your love is known among all the living. Amen.	
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Denise Cosgrove
Psalm 4 NRSV	
1Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.	
2How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah	
3But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.	
4When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah	
5Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.	
6There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"	
7You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.	
8I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.	

†NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

1 John 3:1-7 NRSV

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN SING AND HISTORY

Marilyn Casey

PRAYERS

Pastor Doug

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

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Denise Cosgrove

OFFERTORY

Maxine Hoth

†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

Denise Cosgrove

Loving Creator, we come together to present our tithes and offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which You have called us Your children. Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship of the resources You've entrusted to us are a sign of our commitment to this holy transformation. May these offerings we bring today be a reflection of our love for You and our desire to be faithful stewards of Your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

†CLOSING HYMN

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian "

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Maxine Hoth