

Banning United Methodist Church
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9th, 2026

GATHERING

Special Music and Fellowship Cathy Mauge

Welcoming Friends and Newcomers Marilyn Casey

Announcements Marilyn Casey

Centering Words Marilyn Casey

“As we prepare for worship, we pray, ‘Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word.’”

Passing of the Peace Pastor Ode

Gathering Hymn “The Spirit in Me” (Please return to your seat when the hymn begins)

The spirit in me greets the spirit in you, Alleluia! God's in us and we're in God, Alleluia! (Sung twice)

WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude Cathy Mauge

Lighting of the Altar Candles

†Call to Worship Marilyn Casey

L: Hear the word of God: “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

P: We choose holiness and reject futile thinking.

L: We look today at life and turn our eyes from the vanities of this world.

P: We want to be holy, for the Lord is holy.

L: We affirm that we belong to Christ.

P: We crave his wisdom and his ways.

†Opening Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy” UMH #64

† Opening Prayer Marilyn Casey

Almighty Teacher, instruct us in Your statutes today. Help us turn the other cheek when we are wronged and do so without bitterness. Inspire us to give to those in need and do so without resentment. Turn our hearts, that we may learn how to love our neighbor, even our enemies. Teach us and show us the way of holiness, that we may be a holy people. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 119: 33-40 NSRV Marilyn Casey

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. ³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. ³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain. ³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways. ³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you. ³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. ⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

New Testament Reading - Romans 7:15-25a NRSV Pastor Ode

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

†**Sermon Hymn** “Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet” UMH #601

Sermon “Who Will Rescue Me from this Body of Death?” Pastor Ode

Prayers Marilyn Casey

Children in Prayer (after each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Ode

The Lord’s Prayer UMH #895

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Marilyn Casey

Offertory Cathy Mauge

†**Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95

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 Marilyn Casey

We bring these gifts with thankful hearts, seeking to walk in Your truth. Confirm Your promise to Your servants, that we may serve You with reverence and joy. Use these offerings to extend Your love and justice to the world. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” UMH #402

Congregational Prayer of Blessing and Honor Kay Hobert

Dismissal with Blessing

Benediction Pastor Ode

Carrying the Light of Christ out into the World

Postlude Cathy Mauge