

Banning United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2023

GATHERING MUSIC

Cathy Mauge

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Dan Mabey

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Jesus says so. Be salty and let your light shine.

PRELUDE

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 and extend our welcome.

WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Mabey

Birthdays & Anniversaries

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Mabey

L: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

P: We are the salt of the earth.

L: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

P: We are the light of the world.

L: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

P: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

L: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

P: Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

†OPENING HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

Hymn #585

OPENING PRAYER

Dan Mabey

God of mystery and of judgment, Who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see Your good works through us, give You the glory, and be moved to serve You. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

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Matthew 5:13-20 NRSV

¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON TITLE "Salty?" Pastor Doug

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE Pastor Doug

Children in Prayer
(After all slides: In Your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer**)
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS) 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

God of all creation, source of every blessing: you have given us so much. As we bring our tithes and gifts to you this day, these seem so small by comparison, unless we see that we are truly called to give ourselves back to the world. May we be the salt that brings value and flavor into relationships with those around us. May we be the light that helps others find their way to your love and care. We pray all of this in the mighty name of Jesus, who came to help us see all we could be. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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COMMUNION HYMN (Sing each verse twice, as directed)

"Let us Break Bread Together"

1. Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

3. Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

†**CLOSING HYMN** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Hymn #431

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE Cathy Mauge