

Banning United Methodist Church

Fifteen Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Dan Mabey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dan Mabey

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Cathy Mauge

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Creator, You bless us with the heavenly lights—

P: the moon that waxes and wanes,

L: the planets that whirl around the sun,

P: the galaxies that wink from afar.

L: In the darkness You call out, "Let there be Light,"

P: and the universe is filled with heavenly light.

L: You are our creator, too,

P: the One who formed us and who forms us still.

L: May Your word of truth ring out today with your call to new life! **Amen.**

Dan Mabey

†**OPENING HYMN** "God Will Take Care of You"

UMH #130

†**OPENING PRAYER**

Dan Mabey

Creator of the heavenly lights, there is no shadow in Your divine light. It remains unchanging across the eons, even as the stars come and go. You are our faithful creator, the Gardner of our lives. You plant Your truth within us and inspire lives of caring and love. We honor and worship You. Amen.

PSALM READING

Dan Mabey

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.

GOSPEL READING

Pastor Doug

Luke 6:27-36 NRSV

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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

All: Thanks be to God.**SERMON** "Love Your Enemies"

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

God of every good gift, bless the gifts of our resources, our prayers, and our lives. Bless these gifts for the good of others and to the honor of Your Name. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II**

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COMMUNION HYMN "Let us Break Bread Together"

Hymn #618

SENDING FORTH†**CLOSING HYMN** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

UMH #348

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING†**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Doug

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge