

Banning United Methodist Church

14th Sunday After Pentecost

September 14, 2025

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Kathy Bainter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Bainter

INTRODUCTION

Kay Hobert

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pat Hogan

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Bainter

L: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

P: We proclaim that God's presence is real and alive and thriving!

L: Evildoers declare through their actions, "We go through life alone."

P: But we see God's grace, faithfulness, and steadfast love in our lives and in the world around us.

L: Praise be to God! **AMEN!**

OPENING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

UMH #156

†OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Bainter

God of abundant grace, may Your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship You this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover Your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear Your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to Your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Kathy Bainter

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 NRSV

¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— ¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

²² "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." ²³ I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. ²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

²⁵ I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. ²⁶ I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. ²⁷ For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. ²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

HYMN

"It' Me, It's Me, O Lord"

UMH #352

GOSPEL READING

Pat Hogan

Luke 15:1-10 NRSV

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

All: Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

"The Lost Sheep"

Pat Hogan

PRAYERS

Kathy Bainter

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

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pat Hogan

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

Kathy Bainter

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

Kathy Bainter

Gracious and loving God, we thank You for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world. As we offer You these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with Your grace and love. Amen.

SENDING FORTH**CLOSING HYMN**

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

UMH #569

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Pat Hogan

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge