

Banning United Methodist Church

18th Sunday After Pentecost

October 12, 2025

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Kathy Bainter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Bainter

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

L: The Living Christ is here with us.

P: Praise be to God!

L: May the peace of Christ dwell deeply within our souls.

P: We shall share this peace with the entire community.

L: Let us do so now!

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Bainter

L: When we are lonely and feeling lost . . .

P: Jesus calls us and brings us hope and peace.

L: When we are angry and frustrated . . .

P: Jesus heals our wounds and soothes our tempers.

L: When we are sorrowful and broken . . .

P: Jesus binds up our wounds with His healing love.

L: Come, let us worship the ONE who cares so abundantly for us. **AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art" vs. 1, 3, & 4

UMH #77

†OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Bainter

For the healing love You have offered to us, for the patience You have with us, for Your presence that will never fail, we give You thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to You so that we may grow in our faith and service to You by serving others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Kathy Bainter

Psalms 111 NRSV

¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. ³Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. ⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. ⁸They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

Acts 20:22-28 NRSV

²² And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except

that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. ²⁴ But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace. ²⁵ "And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "It is hard to say goodbye"

Pastor Doug

PRAYERS

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

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Doug

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 healer Who meets us on the way, You give gifts we never earn and mercies we often forget to name. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and expressions of our faith. Let them be more than ritual—let them become praise, rising from lives made whole in Your grace. May we never settle for being merely clean when You call us to wellness, to joy, to thanksgiving. Make us a generous people, healed and healing, blessing others as You have blessed us. In the Name of Jesus, Who makes us well. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

UMH #133

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge