

Banning United Methodist Church

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Kathy Bainter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Bainter

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Bainter

L: Where do we turn when our cries go unanswered?

P: Where do we turn when we feel forsaken and alone?

L: We search for God before and behind us, but God is not there.

P: We search for God above and beneath us but come away empty.

L: Yet, even now, we commit ourselves to God.

P: Even now, we will put our trust in the Lord.

L: Come! Let us worship. **Amen.**

†OPENING HYMN

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

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†OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Bainter

Holy One, be near us in our need. We are poured out like water, and our hearts melt like wax. You have watched over us since birth as a mother watches over her children. Come to us swiftly and be with us now, for the storms of life threaten, and the light fades. Please help us in our weakness and touch us with Your mercy and your grace. Amen.

PSALM READING

Kathy Bainter

Psalm 90:12-17 NRSV

¹²So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. ¹³Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants! ¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. ¹⁶Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. ¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

Hebrews 4:12-16 NRSV

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"God is Always Near"

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

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"

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

Even when You seem far away, O God, You give us our daily bread and deliver us from evil. May the gifts we bring before You this day be signs of gratitude for Your gifts to us. Bless this offering so that our gifts may be vessels of Your overflowing grace. May others know the joy of Your salvation through these gifts, as through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH**†CLOSING HYMN**

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**†BENEDICTION**

Pastor Doug

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge