

Reach One More For Jesus!

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

†Congregation rises in body or spirit
Congregational response in bold

GATHERING MUSIC

Thelma Downey

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Denise Cosgrove

Those who devote their love to God receive unending love and devotion.

PRELUDE

“My Tribute”
by Andrae Crouch Arr. by Dino Kartsonakis

Thelma Downey

WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

Denise Cosgrove

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 Tom

MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denise Cosgrove

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Lori Delgado-Matich O'Connor

Habitat for Humanity

CALL TO WORSHIP

Denise Cosgrove

L: Jesus dwells among us, teaching us to believe in His Name.

P: Let us offer God our thanks.

L: The Holy Spirit dwells among us, guiding us down the paths of life.

P: Let us offer God our praise.

L: God dwells among us, beckoning us to worship.

P: Let us offer God our worship. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hymnal #384

†OPENING PRAYER

Denise Cosgrove

Loving companion, You give Your people visions, allowing us to believe in Your words. We come to You today to keep our word, profess our love, and proclaim our faith. Nurture our hearts with Your teachings, and nurture our minds with Your grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

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John 14:23-29 NRSV

23 Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

25 “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate,[a] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“NEVER ALONE!”

Pastor Tom

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

Children in Prayer (After all slides: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Silent 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.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

OFFERTORY

“Penitent Prayer”
by Kevin Uppercue

Thelma Downey

†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

Denise Cosgrove

Creator and almighty God, from city to city, You continue to bless our lives. Wherever we find ourselves, the bounty of Your peace meets us there. We bring these gifts to You in order to share our bounty, as You have shared Yours with us. May those who need these gifts find Your presence, even as they receive what they need. May their paths of faith be lit with Your light, as ours have been. In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen

†CLOSING HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”
vs. 1, 2 & 4

Hymnal #577

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

(Please remain in your pew while the pastor and worship team process)

POSTLUDE

“Recessionale”
by Gerald Peterson

Thelma Downey

In Ministry:

Pastor Tom Tran

Rev. Dr. Siosaia Tu’itahi East District Superintendent

Bishop Grant Hagiya , California-Pacific Annual Conference

Cheerfully Serving the Lord in Worship this Morning...

Liturgist: Denise Cosgrove Head Usher: Jack Holstad Assisted by: Penny Holstad, Dick Carris, Sandra Glickman, Ron Glickman Carol Hull and Sonya Moore Greeters: Yvonne Adams & Kathy Bainter Organist: Thelma Downey Sound Technician/Video Technician: Tiffany Douglas



Sunday, May 22nd

9:15 AM Sunday School - Office Lounge

10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service

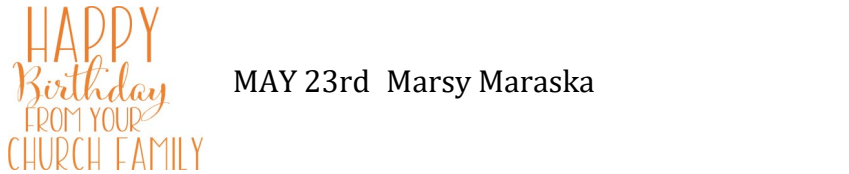
Tuesday, May 24th

9:00 AM The Gathering - Office Lounge

Sunday, May 29th Mason Jar Sunday

9:15 AM Sunday School - Office Lounge

10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service



Bishop Hagiya’s Statement on Shootings in Buffalo and Laguna Woods

This past weekend brought me to my knees, yet again, as shots rang out in Buffalo, New York, and Laguna Woods, California. In both cases, the lone gunman took the lives of others because of hate for the victim’s racial and ethnic identities. None of those killed in those shootings chose when or where they were born, and they did not establish the government’s political agenda in the United States or China. The individuals in Buffalo were shopping in the only grocery store in what many identify as a food desert. The choice about where they buy food for their families is limited to very few options. The violent act wrought by one steeped in hate speech, conspiracy theories, and ideologies that divide communities instead of unifying them has rendered that market unsafe. The worshippers in Laguna Woods gathered in a sacred space celebrating without awareness that the actions and relations between the governments of China and Taiwan caused their lives to be in balance.

It is unfathomable to conceive of the thoughts one would have and the gall one would exercise to express their hate and rage on innocent people going about their daily lives trying to buy food or find respite from the cares of the world. The impact of those gunshots reverberates in grocery stores and churches across the country. We especially consider the anxiety and response of our pastor and siblings at Laguna Country United Methodist Church, located very close to Geneva Presbyterian in Laguna Woods. Though no shots were fired in a United Methodist Church, we stand united with our siblings in Christ and all faith communities who abhor violence as much as we do.

As awful as these tragedies are, they can serve as a clarion call for us to step up our action to bring an end to gun violence in our communities and throughout this country. I offer a few suggestions and challenge you, your church leaders, and family members to consider at least two actions from this list:

- Continue in prayer each day for the victims, their families, and their ability to bring peace and calm during their newly found chaos.
- Access resources from the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) and local activist groups working to change laws and policies in all areas of life that contribute to gun violence.
- Engage local elected officials on strategies to protect our houses of worship, advocate for funding to buy back guns, and provide mental health support when needed.
- Host forums and training on responding to active shooter situations in churches, schools, malls, and other public spaces.

Schedule times for community members to come together online or in person to discuss ways to support one another and build better relationships across barriers that prevent neighbors from co-mingling.

You may have other ideas and plans that make sense in your context. I encourage you to follow your heart and do what will work best for those where you live and serve. The grief and anguish of this moment may be more than you care to bear. The thought of doing anything right now may seem overwhelming. I encourage you to find a way to be present with and for others at this time. Find ways to connect with others who want to work toward healing and wholeness for all who suffer. Finally, remember the words of this past week’s lectionary that challenges me to continue this path:

I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other. (John 13:34-35, Common English Bible)

That passage reminds me that love is the only thing that can overcome hate. It is also true that love is the one true way we demonstrate our commitment to Jesus and his way of living and being in the world. Many ideologies and leaders seek disciples these days, but Jesus calls us to be his disciples. We show the world who we follow by how we express love for one another. It is imperative for our church to be a moral force for good in our world. As Jesus taught us, our response can only reflect the Divine grace of love in all we do.

Be the Hope,
Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
Los Angeles Area Resident Bishop

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Margaret Aarung	SGT Matt Harker	Betty Neese
Sékou T. Billings	Donna Hensley	Dennis Phielman
Tracy Boop	Olga Hernandez	Sonia Presley
Barbara Brinton	Rita Heslop	David Pieksma
Nancy Brown	Jack & Penny Holstad	Craig Pieksma
Lois Butler	Rev. Dave & Amie Horning	Emma Poole
CJ Cannavo	Jill Hughes	Marguerite Priestees
Salena Case	Fran Hull	Jennifer Ratliff & Family
Alan Curry	Mackenzie Hurley	Craig Rusk
Robert Curry	Sallie Hurley	Jim & Eve Rusk
DeWitt Family	Carleen Jerrel	SSGT Ryan Savely
SGT 1st David Dimattio	JoAnne Jesson	CPT Brock Schnute
Justin Dominguez & Family	MAJ Mark Jones	Jennifer Sofie
Zach Echternkamp	Carol Kelly	Robert Staley
Nathan Field	Fern Koehnemann	Patti Stewart
Olga Figueroa	Debbie & Chris McDonald	SFC Korey Stillion
Dean Fisher	Dan Mabey	
Carleen Fiske	Shirley Majors	Remember, if you have a
Alma Jo Fultz	Don & Marsy Maraska	loved one’s name on the
Ana Maria Fultz	Nahla Marine	prayer list that can now be
Gailey Family	Jack Menzia	removed, please call the
Bob Glidewell	Bob Messick	office, 849-3413.
Rosie Griffin	SSGT Lance Miller	
Jim Grim	Jackie Miller	If you need to put a name
Tenise Hajali	Ginny Mills	on the Prayer Chain
John Hammersla	Gloria Miranda	immediately, please call
Sharilyn Hansen	Aaron Murg	Diane Doser, 769-9087.



Banning United Methodist Church would like to welcome any newcomers joining us in worship this morning! We hope our worship service touches your heart and that you feel the presence of the Lord. If you have any questions about our church, please call the church office at 849-3413. May God bless your day, and we hope you will worship with us again!

Banning United Methodist Church: Mission Statement
Our mission is to serve and share the Love of God by developing personal faith through Jesus Christ and by promoting the unity of believers; membership in His family; and, Christian service through acts of justice, mercy and loving obedience in the church and in the community.

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