

# Banning United Methodist Church

## 22nd Sunday After Pentecost; November 9, 2025

### GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Marilyn Casey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Casey

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Kyungsu Park

### WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Marilyn Casey

Leader: Friends, what do you see?

**People: We see that God has set a path before us.**

Leader: What else do you see?

**People: We see that God is among us.**

Leader: And what else do you see?

**People: We see that God calls us to be prophets**

Leader: Together, we will speak God's truth to injustice. **AMEN.**

†OPENING HYMN

"This Is My Father's World"

UMH #144

†OPENING PRAYER

Marilyn Casey

**Lord, we come before You with grateful hearts, seeking Your guidance and wisdom. As we reflect on the parable of the Good Samaritan, help us to understand the true meaning of compassion and love.**

**May we be inspired to see the needs of those around us, just as the Samaritan saw the wounded traveler. Open our eyes to the suffering and struggles of others, and give us the courage to act with kindness and generosity.**

**Grant us the strength to be good neighbors, showing love and mercy to all, regardless of their background or circumstances.**

**As we gather in Your name, may our hearts be filled with Your love, and may our actions reflect Your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Marilyn Casey

Micah 6:6-8 NRSV

<sup>6</sup> "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

GOSPEL READINGS

Rev. Kyungsu Park

Luke 10:25-37 NRSV

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and

took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

<b>SERMON HYMN</b>	"Where Charity and Love Prevail"	UMH #549
<b>SERMON</b>	"Asking Better Questions"	Rev. Kyungsu Park
<b>PRAYERS</b>		Marilyn Casey
CHILDREN IN PRAYER		
(After each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)		
SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS		
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Kyungsu Park
<b>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.</b>		
<b>PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS</b>		Marilyn Casey
<b>OFFERTORY</b>		Cathy Mauge
<b>†DOXOLOGY</b>	"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.	UMH #95
<b>†PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>		Marilyn Casey
<b>God of compassion and mercy, we remember Jesus' parable of the Samaritan, who came upon a man beaten and bleeding and felt compassion and gave him care. From this parable, we use the name "Samaritan" for an act of compassion or a good deed, missing the point that what You would have us see was not a deed or act but a whole way of living. In the same way, You long for not the act of our offerings, but a life lived giving ourselves selflessly for others. We know You can transform acts of giving into lives of giving, and we pray that boldly in the Name of Jesus, Who gave all. Amen.</b>		
<b>SENDING FORTH</b>		
<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"	UMH #438
<b>DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING</b>		
<b>†BENEDICTION</b>		Rev. Kyungsu Park
CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD		
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		Cathy Mauge