

Banning United Methodist Church

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Dan Mabey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dan Mabey

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Mabey

L: Christ has called us here,

P: inviting us to offer praise and prayer.

L: May Christ's presence be revealed,

P: showing us the way to go.

L: May Christ's glory shine into our worship,

P: and may Christ's glory shine in our lives.

†OPENING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH #451

†OPENING PRAYER

Dan Mabey

God of glory and power, pour out Your Holy Spirit on us today. Reveal to us Your wisdom and guidance. Manifest through us Your Spirit of glorious grace and love. And make Your loving presence known to all through the ministries of Your church. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Dan Mabey

Exodus 34:29-35 NRSV

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor Doug

Luke 9:28-36 NRSV

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master,

it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Mountain Top Moments” 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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Dan Mabey

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** Pastor Doug

Gracious God, we tremble in the presence of Your glory and power. Strengthen our courage so that we may look upon Your love and stop shrinking away in fear. Embolden us to trust Your grace, no matter how grave our transgressions or ashamed our hearts may be. Shine upon us with Your mercy, that we may shine for all to see. Grant us confidence in both Your grace and Your abundant love. In Your Holy name, we pray. Amen.

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COMMUNION HYMN “One Bread, One Body”

SENDING FORTH

†**CLOSING HYMN** “I Love to Tell the Story” UMH #156

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE Cathy Mauge