

Banning United Methodist Church
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19th, 2026

GATHERING

Special Music and Fellowship Cathy Mauge

Welcoming Friends and Newcomers Kathy Bainter

Announcements Kathy Bainter

Centering Words Kathy Bainter
“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

Passing of the Peace Rev. Thomas Yu
Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

Gathering Hymn “The Spirit in Me” **(Please return to your seat when the hymn begins)**
The spirit in me greets the spirit in you, Alleluia! God's in us and we're in God, Alleluia! (Sung twice)

WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude Cathy Mauge
Lighting of the Altar Candles

†Call to Worship Kathy Bainter
One: All hail the power of Jesus's name, let angels prostrate fall.
All: Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.
One: Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall.
All: Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.

†Opening Hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” vs. 1 & 2 UMH #154

† Opening Prayer Kathy Bainter
Heavenly Father, we thank You that we were justified by faith in Christ our Savior to become the children of God. By Your mercies, we present our bodies to You as living sacrifices in an act of spiritual worship. We thank You that we are still a work-in- progress as You continue to transform us by the renewing of our minds. We praise You that one day You will glorify us by the redemption of our bodies, so that the whole creation will be brought into in the glorious freedom of the children of God. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis 28:10-19a NSRV Kathy Bainter
¹⁰Jacob left Beer-Sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.
¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely

the LORD is in this place — and I did not know it!” ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”
¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ^{19a}He called that place Bethel.

†**Sermon Hymn** “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” UMH #349

New Testament Reading - Romans 8:12-25 NRSV Rev. Thomas Yu

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.
¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?
²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Sermon “God of Abraham, God of Issac and God of Jacob” Rev. Thomas Yu

Prayers Kathy Bainter
Children in Prayer (after each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer Rev. Thomas Yu
The Lord’s Prayer UMH #895

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
Compassionate Creator, You formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed into us life and purpose. In these gifts we return, we offer more than resources; we offer our hope. Let these gifts, given in trust, be signs of our partnership in the renewal of all creation. Awaken in us a holy longing, as deep as the groaning of the earth itself, for justice, healing, and new life. May our giving participate in Your redemption, until the world rejoices in freedom and glory as your children. We offer this with joy, in the Name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn “I Surrender All” vs. 1, 2 & 3 UMH #354

Dismissal with Blessing

Benediction Rev. Thomas Yu
Carrying the Light of Christ out into the World

Postlude Cathy Mauge