

# Banning United Methodist Church

First Sunday in Lent  
February 18, 2024

## GATHERING

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Kathy Bainter

MINISTRY MOMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Bainter

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

## WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Bainter

L: Bring your lives full of sorrow and joy.

**P: Bring yourselves, full of hope and despair.**

L: Come in your brokenness, ready for the fullness of life.

**P: Stay in your weakness, ready to receive strength and the power of God.**

†OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Bainter

**Source of hope, bring us into the source of hope. Inspire us with the strength of faith. Shower us with the waters of mercy and grace, that our hope will be renewed as we learn to trust Your promise and love. Amen.**

†OPENING HYMN

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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PSALM READING

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Psalm 25:1-10 NRSV

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. <sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. <sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. <sup>6</sup>Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. <sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! <sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. <sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

†NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

[Mark 1:9-15](#) NRSV

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Wilderness Encounters”

Pastor Doug

**PRAYERS**

Pastor Doug

Children in Prayer (After each slide: In Your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer**)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

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**

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**OFFERTORY**

†**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**

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**Trustworthy and trusting God, thank You for entrusting us with the good earth. Thank You for sharing Your gifts with us. Help us to live up to Your trust, even as we learn to place our trust in You. Bless the gifts that we share, that they may honor the generosity You have shown us. In trust and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

†**CLOSING HYMN**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

†**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Doug

**POSTLUDE**