

# Banning United Methodist Church

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

## GATHERING MUSIC

## CENTERING WORDS

*Seek God's presence, that God's goodness, mercy, and grace may bless and strengthen you. Who knows if the Lord may tuck you into a safe place and give you a glimpse of God's glory?*

**PRELUDE** "Standing on the Promises" by: R. Kelso Carter arr: Ralph Long

## WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

## WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

## MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come Holy God draw near.

**P: We long to see You.**

L: Come God of justice, be present today.

**P: We need Your Grace in our world.**

L: Come in this hour and show us Your love.

**P: Amen!**

## OPENING HYMN

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

## OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, we long to sense Your presence, and be assured that You have drawn near. Awaken us with Your love and grace and show us Your possibilities for our lives. Assure us that we are not alone and that You walk with us always. For this we offer You thanks and praise. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 33:12-23 NRSV

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup>Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup>He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. <sup>16</sup>For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." <sup>17</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup>Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." <sup>19</sup>And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." <sup>21</sup>And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup>then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

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Matthew 22:15-22 NRSV

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO**

"The New 23rd" by Ralph Carmichael

Myrle Petty  
acc. Maxine Hoth

**SERMON**

"What's in a name?"

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## PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE

Children in Prayer

(After all slides: In Your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer**)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

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.**

## GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

**OFFERTORY**

"God Leads Us Along" by: G. A. Young arr: Lisa Hockstra

†**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**

**Holy God, Your compassion and kindness surround us. You alone are holy. You alone bring meaning and hope to our lives. We are grateful for all that You are and all that You give us. Receive us and the gifts that we bring, that the world may know You and the gifts You offer to those who ask. Amen.**

†**CLOSING HYMN**

"Take My Life, and Let it Be"

UMH #399

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

†**BENEDICTION**

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**POSTLUDE**

"When He Cometh" by: G. F. Root arr: Priscilla J. King