

# Banning United Methodist Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

## GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

## WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Bainter

L: All who need a place to belong...

**P: join the family of God.**

L: All who seek spiritual brothers and sisters...

**P: join the family of God.**

L: All who strive to grow in faith and love...

**P: join the family of God.**

†OPENING HYMN

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

UMH #133

†OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Bainter

Sovereign God, come to us when we lose our way. for we need You to be our King, to lead us on the right paths, teach us the way of life and death and shelter us from our foes. We need You to be our comforter, to love us as a father, nurture us as a mother, shelter us as a brother, and assure us as a sister. Welcome us into the arms of Your mercy, O God, and we will be Your people, even as you are our God and King. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Kathy Bainter

Psalms 138 NRSV

<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; <sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. <sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. <sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. <sup>5</sup>They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. <sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

†GOSPEL READING

Pastor Doug

Mark 3:20-35 NRSV

<sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a

strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. <sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— <sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." <sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "Immutable Love" 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

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** Kathy Bainter

**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** Kathy Bainter  
**Holy Sovereign, You are our King, and we are Your people. As we reach for our brothers and sisters in Christ and our mothers and fathers in faith, use these offerings to heal our world and draw all people into Your holy family. Amen**

## SENDING FORTH

†**CLOSING HYMN** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" UMH #154

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug  
CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

**POSTLUDE**