

Banning United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Casey

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Marilyn Casey

L: As members of Christ's tree of life,

P: we are connected, in love, to God.

L: As members of Christ's tree of life,

P: we are connected, in love, to one another.

L: As members of Christ's tree of life,

P: we strengthen our connection through worship. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH #89

†OPENING PRAYER

Marilyn Casey

Loving God, send Your Spirit among us now. Bind us to You in love on this day to worship in unity and friendship. Bind us to You in love this hour so we may be strengthened and bring abundant love to Your world. In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Marilyn Casey

Psalm 22:25-31 NRSV

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. ³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, ³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

†NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

John 15:1-8 NRSV

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Let's Stay Connected?" 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

MASON JAR MINISTRIES (All proceeds go to the Golden Cross Fund, helping those in need in our community.)

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**

Marilyn Casey

Loving God, bless these gifts with love. Transform lives with our ministries so that Your people everywhere might know Your grace, Abide in Your love, and connect with Christ, the vine of life. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

†**CLOSING HYMN** "I Need Thee, Every Hour" UMH #397

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Doug

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE