

Banning United Methodist Church

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Marilyn Casey

We ask that you please sign the attendance book, then pass it to the middle aisle. If you are here this morning as a guest, please include your address and phone number, so that we can reach out to you. If this is your first time visiting and would like to introduce yourself, please raise your hand, and a microphone will be brought to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Casey

INTRODUCTION

Kay Hobert

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Kyungsu Park

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marilyn Casey

L: Come, all who sit by rivers of sorrow, who have hung up their hope and wondered if God still sings.

P: We come carrying exile in our bones, dislocation in our hearts, and longing in our prayers.

L: This is the table where memory is honored, where story is sacred, where strangers become siblings.

P: We come to taste and see that the Lord is good, to feast on grace, to believe again in belonging.

L: Around the world, across languages and landscapes, a holy table is set.

P: We come not because we are worthy, but because Christ calls us in love.

L: Come, let us worship the One who welcomes, the One who remembers, the One who feeds the whole world with hope.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

UMH #126

†OPENING PRAYER

Marilyn Casey

Gracious God, as we celebrate World Communion Sunday, grant that Christians everywhere experience inner renewal and the burning desire to please You always. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Marilyn Casey

¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— ¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.

²² 'For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.'

²³ I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

²⁵ I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.

²⁶ I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

²⁷ For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

GOSPEL READING

Rev. Kyungsu Park

John 11:17-44 NRSVA

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN	"Where He Leads Me"	UMH #192
SERMON	"Grief, Fear, and Hope"	Rev. Kyungsu Park
PRAYERS		Marilyn Casey
CHILDREN IN PRAYER (After each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)		
SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS		
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Kyungsu Park
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS		Marilyn Casey
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		Marilyn Casey

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

Hymnal Page

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" (2x)

UMH #344

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

Rev. Kyungsu Park

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge