

Banning United Methodist Church
Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2026

GATHERING

Special Music and Fellowship Cathy Mauge

Welcoming Friends and Newcomers Myrle Petty

Announcements Myrle Petty

Centering Words Myrle Petty

“Come, Holy Spirit. Breathe in us, burn within us, and make us alive with your power.”

Passing of the Peace Pastor Ode

Gathering Hymn “The Spirit in Me” (Please return to your seat when the hymn begins)

The spirit in me greets the spirit in you, Alleluia! God's in us and we're in God, Alleluia! (Sung twice)

WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude "Serenade" by Franz Schubert Kristin Chemistruck

Lighting of the Altar Candles

†Call to Worship Myrle Petty

L: Listen! Do you hear a sound like the howling of a fierce wind?

P: Come, Holy Spirit!

L: Look! Can you see flames of fire?

P: Come, Holy Spirit!

L: Wait! Can you feel the power?

P: The Holy Spirit is here!

†Opening Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH #64

†Opening Prayer Myrle Petty

Holy Spirit, power of God, come and fill us with Your strength. May Your Spirit touch each of us. Gather us with our different gifts into one community. Give us eyes to see Your work. May the winds of the Spirit blow away our fears, and fill us with power. Open our hearts, that we may welcome everyone. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 104:24-34 NSRV Myrle Petty

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works— who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

New Testament Reading -Acts 2:14-21 NRSV Pastor Ode
On recognizing Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. They said to her, “You are out of your mind!” But she insisted that it was so. They said, “It is his angel.” Meanwhile Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed. He motioned to them with his hand to be silent, and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, “Tell this to James and to the believers.” Then he left and went to another place. When morning came, there was no small commotion among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. When Herod had searched for him and could not find him, he examined the guards and ordered them to be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there. Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. So they came to him in a body; and after winning over Blastus, the king’s chamberlain, they asked for a reconciliation, because their country depended on the king’s country for food. On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat on the platform, and delivered a public address to them.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn “Spirit of the Living God” UMH #393

Sermon “The Birth of the Church at Pentecost” Pastor Ode

Prayers Myrle Petty

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

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Ode

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 Myrle Petty

Offertory "Nocturne in G Minor" by Frederic Chopin..... Kristin Chemistruck

†**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 Myrle Petty

Holy one, You create all that is. Your breath sustains every living thing. In Your creation, see Your love of diversity. In our community, we celebrate the multitude of Spirit-filled gifts. Grateful for Your care, we bring these gifts. May they spread Your love to all people. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn “The Church's One Foundation” UMH #545

Dismissal with Blessing

Benediction Pastor Ode

Carrying the Light of Christ out into the World

Postlude Cathy Mauge