

Banning United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Myrle Petty

MINISTRY MOMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Myrle Petty

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

†CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In joy, we gather on this day.

P: Hosanna to Jesus the Christ.

L: In remembrance, we gather on this day.

P: Hosanna to the son of David.

L: In festive celebration and quiet reflection,

P: we gather to worship and pray.

L: Hosanna to the Son of God. **Amen.**

Myrle Petty

†OPENING PRAYER

God of grace and glory, blessed is Your Son, Christ Jesus, and blessed is Your Holy Name. As we bless your name and sing with joy, awaken our ears to hear Your word; awaken our hearts to listen for Your wisdom. As we rejoice in this day that You have made, help us hear even the hard news of Christ's suffering and death. As we celebrate Your presence with palms and praises, guide us to live Your teachings, even when the path is painful and difficult. May Your presence flow through us into Your world. In the Name of Your Son, Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Myrle Petty

†OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

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PSALM READING

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 NRSV

Myrle Petty

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

†NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

Mark 11:1-11 NRSV

1When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 2If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." 3They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 4some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 5They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 6Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 7Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 8Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! 9Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 10Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SUNDAY ENSEMBLE

SERMON "Blessed is the One!"

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

Myrle Petty

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

Myrle Petty

We thank You, Christ Jesus, for Your faithfulness, and humble leadership in our world. Bless the gifts we return to You now, that they may guide others to follow You and walk humbly in Your ways. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

†CLOSING HYMN "Here I am, Lord"

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES