

Banning United Methodist Church
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26th, 2026

GATHERING

Special Music and Fellowship Cathy Mauge

Welcoming Friends and Newcomers Myrle Petty

Announcements Myrle Petty

Centering Words Myrle Petty

“Quiet our spirits, O Lord, so that we might focus upon your presence and know that we are properly worshipping you, our Creator, Redeemer and Comforter. Amen.”

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 Cathy Mauge

Lighting of the Altar Candles

†Call to Worship Myrle Petty

Leader: Come and worship the God who knows us completely and loves us perfectly.

People: We come trusting that the Spirit helps us in our weakness and prays for us.

Leader: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Neither trouble nor hardship, neither present nor future, can overcome God's love.

Leader: Let us worship with confidence, for we are more than conquerors through Christ.

People: We lift our hearts in praise to our faithful and victorious God. Amen.

†Opening Hymn “Trust and Obey” UMH #467

† Opening Prayer Myrle Petty

Lord of preparation and transitions, we are already halfway through our summer months. We sit and wonder where the time went, did we spend it well in Your service. Give us these next few weeks for renewal that we may be prepared to work through Your church for your world. Keep us mindful of the needs of family, friends and others, that we will be Your faithful disciples, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 119: 17-24 NSRV Myrle Petty

17 Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word. 18 Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. 19 I live as an alien in the land; do not hide your commandments from me. 20 My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times. 21 You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments; 22 take away from me their scorn and contempt, for I have kept your decrees. 23 Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes. 24 Your decrees are my delight, they are my counselors.

New Testament Reading - Romans 8:26-39 NRSV Pastor Ode

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Help in Our Weakness" 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 UMH #895

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Myrle Petty

Mason Jar Ministry Myrle Petty

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 Myrle Petty

Lord, receive our gifts and our lives. Cause all of these blessings to work for You in this world which You have loaned to us for safekeeping. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn "To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!" UMH #98

Dismissal with Blessing

Benediction Pastor Ode

Carrying the Light of Christ out into the World

Postlude Cathy Mauge