

# Banning United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024

## GATHERING

**SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP**

Cathy Mauge

**WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS**

Dan Mabey

**MINISTRY MOMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dan Mabey

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor Doug

## WORSHIP OF GOD

**PRELUDE**

Cathy Mauge

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dan Mabey

L: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning?

**P: The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of heaven and earth.**

L: God sits above the circle of the earth and stretches out the heavens like a curtain.

**P: Those who wait for the Lord shall mount up wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

L: How good is it to sing praises from our God. **Amen.**

†**OPENING PRAYER**

Dan Mabey

**Everlasting God, You stretch the sky over our heads like a canopy filled with twinkling lights. Scarcely do the stems of our lives take root before the wind carries us away like stubble. Yet, You care for us, healing the broken hearted, gathering the outcast, lifting the downtrodden, while casting the wicked to the ground. Renew our strength this day, O God, that we may mount up with wings like eagles. Amen.**

†**OPENING HYMN**

“Trust and Obey”

UMH #467

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

3. But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

4. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Dan Mabey

Psalm 147:1-11 NRSV

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

†NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

Mark 1:29-39 NRSV

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SUNDAY ENSEMBLE

SERMON

"Fulfilling the Mission"

Pastor Doug

PRAYERS

(After each slide: In Your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer**)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

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

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

Dan Mabey

**Creator of Heaven and earth, You shower the earth with rain, nourish the land with sunshine and bless Your people with goodness. Receive the gifts we bring before You this day, that they may touch the world with gladness, and bring relief to those in need. Amen.**

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

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COMMUNION HYMN

"Let us Break Bread Together"

Hymn #618

SENDING FORTH

†Closing HYMN

"Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

UMH #334

There's a sweet sweet spirit in this place and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.

There are sweet expressions on each face and I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love.

And for all these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived

When we shall leave this place.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug