

Banning United Methodist Church

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Denise Cosgrove

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.

MINISTRY MOMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denise Cosgrove

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Denise Cosgrove

L: As we live and as God lives,

P: God will not leave us.

L: When fire devours and storms blow us astray,

P: God will not leave us.

L: When truth is veiled and confusion reigns,

P: God will not leave us.

L: When the world changes around us,

P: God will not leave us.

L: When we long to speak but find no words.

P: God will not leave us.

L: When all around us is silent,

P: God will not leave us.

L: When faithfulness feels beyond us,

P: God will not leave us.

L: As we live, and as God lives,

P: We worship the One who will not leave us. Amen.

†OPENING PRAYER

Denise Cosgrove

Holy One, when the world is full of confusion and Your message is hard to perceive, still we can see You. Still your presence shines, a light to illuminate the shadows. When we cannot find a way to speak Your story, let Your being shine in us and through us, that we may reflect Your glory, and Your grace. Amen

†OPENING HYMN

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

UMH #158

1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Denise Cosgrove

Psalm 50:1-6 NRSV

1The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. 2Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. 3Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. 4He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: 5“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!” 6The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah

†NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

Mark 9:2-9 NRSV

2Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 6He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” 8Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. 9As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

All: Thanks be to God.**SUNDAY ENSEMBLE****SERMON**

“Transforming Encounters”

Pastor Doug

PRAYERS

Pastor Doug

Children in Prayer (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

Denise Cosgrove

OFFERTORY

Cathy Mauge

†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

Denise Cosgrove

Gracious God, You have given us a double share of Your spirit. Even more than we could ask for or repay. You have blessed us with Your love, and filled us with Your grace. Take now this offering of our hearts and lives, that they may be instruments of Your love and mercy, Your justice and Your grace. Amen.

SENDING FORTH**†CLOSING HYMN**

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”

UMH #371

1. I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain:

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

2. For me it was in the garden he prayed: "Not my will, but thine." He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat-drops of blood for mine.

(Refrain)

3. In pity angels beheld him, and came from the world of light to comfort him in the sorrows he bore for my soul that night.

(Refrain)

4. He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them his very own; he bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

(Refrain)

5. When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see, 'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me.

(Refrain)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE