

Banning United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

MINISTRY MOMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Megan Grisham, Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Geronio Pass

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kathy Bainter

L: Are you feeling tired and worn out?

P: Call on the name of the Lord.

L: Are mistakes from the past weighing you down?

P: Come to the fount of living water.

L: Are you the person you wish to be?

P: Seek God's help, and it shall be granted.

L: Are you looking for a better path?

P: Ask Christ to show you the way.

L: Come! Let us worship. **Amen.**

†**OPENING PRAYER**

Kathy Bainter

Our souls are troubled, Holy One, until they find their rest in You. When we live in fear of our mortality, Help us face the future unafraid. Write the truth of God's words on our hearts: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit." In our living and in our dying, Draw us together with all Your people. Amen.

†**OPENING HYMN**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH #140

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Kathy Bainter

Jeremiah 31:31-34 NRSV

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law

within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

†NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

John 12:20-33 NRSV

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMONIC HYMN

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

UMH #382

SERMON

"Words of wisdom"

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

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

Kathy Bainter

With hearts washed clean and with spirits made new, We celebrate the joy of our salvation, O God. May the tithes and offerings we share this day reflect the law of love You have written on our hearts. May these gifts bear the fruit of Your Spirit, and may they bless those who need it most. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

†CLOSING HYMN

“Nothing but the Blood”

UMH #362

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE