

Banning United Methodist Church

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Created by one God, blessed and sustained by one Spirit, all are welcome here.

PRELUDE

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY MOMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Like the disciples, we gather in this space, united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.

P: **We come ready to receive what God has to give.**

L: Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples,

P: **We receive the gift of the Spirit's power and inspiration.**

L: Just as the resurrected Christ breathed the Spirit onto the disciples,

P: **We receive the gift of the Spirit's peace and wisdom.**

L: As the lifegiving and peacemaking Holy Spirit blazes through us today,

P: **We receive the gift of the Spirit's fire that unites us as the Body of Christ. Amen.**

†OPENING HYMN "My Hope Is Built" vs. 1 & 4 UMH #368

OPENING PRAYER

Open Your Hand to Us, O God. O Lord, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. Open Your hand to us, O God, giver of good things. Do not hide Your face from us. Should You remove Your Spirit from us, we shall surely return to the dust. Send forth Your Spirit in this worship service today and let us be re-created. Renew us, O God, with Your spirit. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 104:24-35 NRSV

²⁴O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. ²⁷These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. ²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. ³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. ³¹May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—³²who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. ³³I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. ³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. ³⁵Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 NRSV

³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to

another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†**SERMON HYMN** “It Is Well with My Soul” vs. 1 & 4 UMH #377

SERMON “Part of the Body”

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE

Prayer Quilt Presentation

Children in Prayer

(After all slides: 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.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

MASON JAR MINISTRY

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**

God of wind and flame: set us on fire this morning as we celebrate the explosion of Your Holy Spirit coming into the world on the Day of Pentecost! Remind us that the gift You gave that day was not just the gift to speak in different tongues, but also the gift of hearing and comprehension. May Your Holy Spirit keep us attuned to the voices all around us, to those who need us to be bearers of Your love and compassion, and may these gifts we give help us, through Your church, meet those needs. In the Holy Name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

†**CLOSING HYMN** “Jesus Calls Us” vs 1, 3 & 5 UMH #398

†**BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE