

Banning United Methodist Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Myrle Petty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Myrle Petty

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Myrle Petty

L: The table is set. The banquet is laid.

P: Our souls hunger and thirst for God.

L: Our gracious host welcomes us here.

P: God's steadfast love is better than life.

†**OPENING HYMN**

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

UMH #413

†**OPENING PRAYER**

Myrle Petty

Lord of overflowing abundance, we praise You with joyful lips and bless You with uplifted hands. When our souls are parched, You offer us wine and milk without price, satisfying our hunger. Guard us when we stand for what is right, and save us from the time of trial, that we may be worthy disciples of Your Son, our Rock, and our Redeemer. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Myrle Petty

Isaiah 55:1-9 RSV

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor Doug

Luke 13:1-9 NRSV

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Call to Change" 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 Myrle Petty

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** Myrle Petty
Loving God, You have set the table before us and given us every good thing. In gratitude for Your Kindness and mercy, we offer You our gifts and our offerings. Accept our hearts into Your keeping, that our lives may bear good fruit and that we may enter into Your glory. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

†**CLOSING HYMN** "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" vs. 1, 3, 5, and 6 UMH #357

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION**

L: Seek the Lord while God may be found.

P: We will call upon the Lord while God is near.

L: Embrace the paths that lead to life.

P: We will return to our God.

L: Seek the Lord while God may be found.

P: We will call upon the Lord while God is near. Amen.

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE