

Banning United Methodist Church

21st Sunday After Pentecost

October 26, 2025

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP	Cathy Mauge
WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS	Myrle Petty
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Myrle Petty
PASSING OF THE PEACE	Dan Mabey

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE	Cathy Mauge
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES	
†CALL TO WORSHIP	Myrle Petty
L: We ask You, O Lord, for the gifts of Your Spirit.	
P: Enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth, and grant that we may share with others the goods You have put at our disposal.	
L: Teach us to overcome divisions.	
P: Send us Your Spirit to lead to fully unite Your sons and daughters in full charity, in obedience to Your will through Christ our Lord. Amen.	

†OPENING HYMN	"This Is the Day"	UMH #657
†OPENING PRAYER		Myrle Petty
Eternal God, hallowed be thy name. Early in the morning, before we begin our work, we praise Your glory. Renew our bodies as fresh as the morning flowers. Open our inner eyes, as the sun casts new light upon the darkness. Deliver us from all captivity. Like the birds of the sky, give us wings of freedom to begin a new journey. As a mighty stream running continuously, restore justice and freedom day by day. We thank You for the gift of this morning, and a new day to work with You. Amen.		

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Myrle Petty
Psalm 8 NIV	
1 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. 2 Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: 7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, 8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. 9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth	
NEW TESTAMENT READINGS	Dan Mabey
Mark 9: 33-37 NKJV	

³³ Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. ³⁵ And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of

all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, ³⁷“Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”

Mark 10: 13-16 NKJV

¹³Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” ¹⁶And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN	“Children of the Heavenly Father”	UMC #141
SERMON	“Childish Behavior”	Dan Mabey
PRAYERS		Dan Mabey
CHILDREN IN PRAYER (After each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)		
SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS		
PASTORAL PRAYER		Dan Mabey
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
MASON JAR MINISTRY		
Our October Mason Jar Ministry will go to benefit our friends at Smiles 4 Seniors		
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’ly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	UMH #95
†PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Myrle Petty
Heavenly Father: We lift these gifts to You, as stewards of Your creation. You alone have provided all that is good in our lives. May these offerings truly represent our commitment to You, that everything we say, think, and do be to Your Glory and found pleasing in your sight. Amen.		
SENDING FORTH		
CLOSING HYMN	“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”	UMH #672
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
†BENEDICTION		Dan Mabey
CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD		
POSTLUDE		Cathy Mauge