

Banning United Methodist Church
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21st, 2026

GATHERING

Special Music and Fellowship	Maxine Hoth
Welcoming Friends and Newcomers	Kathy Bainter
Announcements	Kathy Bainter
Centering Words	Kathy Bainter

“Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.” from 1 John 1:3

Passing of the Peace Marilyn Casey
Gathering Hymn “Trust and Obey” (Please return to your seat when the hymn begins)
When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.
Refrain:
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” by: William J. Kirkpatrick arr: Cindy Berry Maxine Hoth
Lighting of the Altar Candles

† **Call to Worship** Kathy Bainter
Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created. (James 2:17-18)

† **Opening Hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness”** UMH #140

† **Opening Prayer** Kathy Bainter
"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" vs. 1 (spoken) UMH #358
Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. Amen.

Psalter - Psalm 103:6-14 (Responsive reading) UMH #824 or on screen Kathy Bainter
R As far as the east is from the west, so far the Lord removes our sins from us.
6 The Lord, who works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed, 7 has made known God’s ways to Moses, God’s acts to the people of Israel.
8 **The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
9 The Lord will not always chide, nor harbor anger for ever.
10 **The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is the Lord’s steadfast love toward the faithful;
12 **as far as the east is from the west, so far does the Lord remove our transgressions from us.**
13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to the faithful.
14 **For the Lord knows our frame, and remembers that we are dust.**
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Sermon Hymn “Children of the Heavenly Father” UMH #141

†**Gospel Lesson** - Matthew 5: 14-16 NRSV Marilyn Casey
14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Our Father God’s Gifts” Marilyn Casey

Prayers Kathy Bainter

Children in Prayer (after each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Marilyn Casey

The Lord’s Prayer UMH #895

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Kathy Bainter

Offertory “Amazing Grace” Tune: Virginia Harmony 1831 arr: Cindy Berry Maxine Hoth

†**Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95

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

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand. Amen. (Bless Thou the Gifts UMH #587)

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn “Father, We Praise Thee” UMH #680

†**Dismissal with Blessing**

Blessing Marilyn Casey

Choral Response “Blest Be the Tie That Binds“ vs. 1 & 4

Postlude “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" by: George J. Webb arr: Larry Shackley Maxine Hoth