

Banning United Methodist Church

11th Sunday After Pentecost

August 24th, 2025

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Marilyn Casey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Casey

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marilyn Casey

L: Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.

P: We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be welcomed and embraced.

L: We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

P: We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

L: We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.

P: We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God's steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN

"Fairest Lord Jesus" verses 1, 3, & 4

UMH #189

†OPENING PRAYER

Marilyn Casey

Lord, we confess that we don't always know why You chose us over someone else. We have our limitations and weaknesses, our reservations and liabilities. Yet You knew all that and still summoned us.

In this time of worship, may we be given a fresh sense of our responsibility to You. Give us what we need faithfully to serve where You send us, truthfully to say what You want said in Your world. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Marilyn Casey

Jeremiah 1:4 -10 NRSV

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

Luke 13:10 -17 NRSV

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this

woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Sent to Build and Replant" Pastor Doug

PRAYERS Pastor Doug

CHILDREN IN PRAYER (After each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 Marilyn Casey

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** Marilyn Casey
Unshakable and Holy God, we bring these gifts before You, not as mere offerings, but as acts of faith in Your unshakable kingdom. Though the world around us trembles, we trust in Your steadfast love, knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build Your justice and mercy, bringing hope to the broken and light to the weary. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts, that we may be signs of Your grace in the world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands" UMH #273

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE Cathy Mauge