

# Banning United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

## GATHERING MUSIC

## MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Kathy Bainter

*As you taught in the synagogue, Jesus, impart to us today Your new teaching — with authority — so that we trust Your word and obey it. (Based on Mark 1:27-28.)*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

## WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

## MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Bainter

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION DeAnn's PAASS Kids

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

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L: Fount of Life, Glorious One, your great works are full of honor and majesty:

**P: the earth that we stand on, the trees that shade us, the birds that soar above us.**

L: Ever Living God, Generous One, your goodness and faithfulness endures forever:

**P: the wisdom we learn, the justice we long and work for, the tenderness you show to us. Sheltering God, Healing One, you remember your covenant and its promises to us: the grace and mercy you give, the healing you offer, the tenderness you show to us.**

L: The works of your hand are faithful and just, Your teachings are trustworthy and true.

**P: Your praise endures forever! Amen.**

## †OPENING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

UMH #127

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

## OPENING PRAYER

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**Faithful God, we stand in this congregation to give You thanks with our whole hearts, for Your works are great. Your massive power upholds the universe, and yet it is so intimate, it upholds our lives, tiny in the scales of the galaxies. You provide food for us and all your creatures, from goldfish to whales, humming birds to eagles, ants to elephants. You nurture life in the seas yet watch over the deserts. Your work is full of honor and majesty, thank You for being mindful of us all, remembering Your promises. May Your creative love and faithful power endure forever. Amen**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

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Deuteronomy 18:15-20 NRSV

<sup>15</sup>The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my

name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Pastor Doug

Mark 1:21-28 NRSV

<sup>21</sup>They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

“A New Teaching?”

Pastor Doug

## **PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE**

Pastor Doug

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)**

Kathy Bainter

## **MASON JAR MINISTRIES**

(All proceeds go to the Golden Cross Fund, helping those in need in our community.)

## **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**

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**Holy One, Jesus of Nazareth, Spirit from on High, may our gifts reveal Your grace and mercy everywhere. May others learn of Your faithful love through the power of Your works and through the gifts we bring today. May they also learn that You have everything to do with their lives. Amen**

†**CLOSING HYMN** “When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee”

UMH #263

1. When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee, Heal us, heal us today! the deaf came to hear and the blind came to see. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

2. A paralyzed man was let down through a roof. Heal us, heal us today! His sins were forgiven, his walking the proof. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

3. The death of his daughter caused Jairus to weep. Heal us, heal us today! The Lord took her hand, and he raised her from sleep. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

4. When blind Bartimaeus cried out to the Lord, Heal us, heal us today! His faith made him whole and his sight was restored. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

5. The lepers were healed and the demons cast out. Heal us, heal us today! A bent woman straightened to laugh and to shout. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

6. The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos Heal us, heal us today! to make the sick whole and to spread the good news. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

7. There's still so much sickness and suffering today. Heal us, heal us today! We gather together for healing and pray: Heal us, Lord Jesus!

†**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Doug

**POSTLUDE**