

# Banning United Methodist Church

## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

### January 29, 2023

#### GATHERING MUSIC

Maxine Hoth

#### MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Kathy Bainter

*What blessings do you need this morning? Where in life are you struggling? God will be there and give you what you need.*

#### PRELUDE

*"Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us"*

by William Bradbury Arr: Cindy Berry

Maxine Hoth

#### WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

Kathy Bainter

We ask that you please sign the attendance book, then pass it to the middle aisle. If you are here this morning as a guest, please include your address and phone number, so that we can reach out to you and extend our welcome.

#### WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

#### MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Bainter

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Bainter

L: People of God, who do you come to worship?

**P: We come to worship the One true God.**

L: How will you worship?

**P: Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.**

L: Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

**P: Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.**

#### †OPENING HYMN

*"All Who Love and Serve Your City"*

vs. 1, 2 & 5

Hymn #433

#### OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Bainter

**Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in Your presence. Open our minds to Your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as Your people. Open our hearts to Your spirit of truth, that we may love all Your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to You. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE READING

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Matthew 5:1-12 NRSV

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON TITLE** "Kingdom Traits" 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 MINISTRY**

**OFFERTORY** "Near to the Heart of God"  
by Cleland B. McAfee arr: Stan Pethel Maxine Hoth

†**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** Kathy Bainter  
**O God, You bless us in so many areas of our lives—in places we often fail to recognize as blessings. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of Your love and blessing. Today, we give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are and all that we have to bring about Your beloved community, here and now. Amen.**

†**CLOSING HYMN** "My Hope Is Built" Hymn #368  
vs. 1, 2 & 4

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

**POSTLUDE** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"  
English folk tune arr: Penny Rodriguez Maxine Hoth