

†**CLOSING HYMN**

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" vs. 1, 2, 5

Hymn #359

†**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Doug

All may depart in quietness

In Ministry:

Pastor: Doug Purcell

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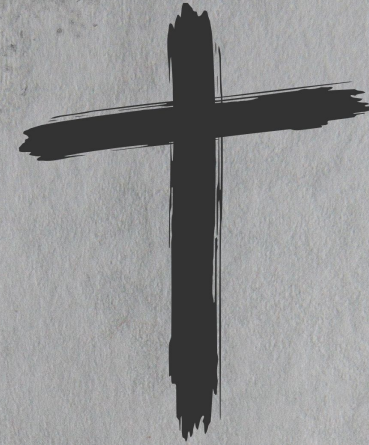
Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank, California-Pacific Annual
Conference

Cheerfully Serving the Lord in Worship this afternoon...

Liturgist: Kathy Bainter

Ushers: Mona and Sonya Villegas

Sound Technician/Video Technician: Marilyn Casey



Ash Wednesday
WORSHIP

March 5, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Banning

United Methodist Church

235 N. 2nd St.

Banning, California 92220

† Congregation rises in body or spirit

Congregational response in bold

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kathy Bainter

L: Blow the trumpet in Zion!

P: Sound the alarm on God's holy mountain.

L: The day of the Lord draws near.

P: A day of darkness and gloom.

L: Yet even now, God yearns to turn calamity into joy.

P: We will return to the Lord.

L: Leave behind the ways that lead to death.

P: We will rend our hearts, not our clothing.

L: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Put a new and right spirit within us. Amen.

†**OPENING HYMN**

"Have Thine Own Way Lord"

Hymn #382

†**OPENING PRAYER**

Kathy Bainter

Merciful God, open our hearts to your healing love. Call us anew to amend our ways as we embark on this Lenten journey, Walk with us and teach us your love so that we may find signs of your grace. With joyous hope, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Kathy Bainter

Psalms 51:1-17 NRSV

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

†**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Pastor Doug

2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:10 NRSV

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ...as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON TITLE

"Representatives of God's Grace"

Pastor Doug

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

Pastor Doug

Eternal God, You created us from the dust of the earth, and to dust we one day return. As we place these ashes over our foreheads, draw us back to you. Bless us with Your steadfast love, for You are slow to anger and rejoice when the lost are found. Amen.

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.