

Banning United Methodist Church

Trinity Sunday

June 7th, 2026

GATHERING

Special Music and Fellowship Cathy Mauge

Welcoming Friends and Newcomers Dan Mabey

Announcements Dan Mabey

Centering Words Dan Mabey

“Gracious God, You have promised to be present wherever two or three are gathered in Your name.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us this morning. Silence the noise of the world around us, open our hearts to Your grace, and unite us as the body of Christ. Amen.”

Passing of the Peace Pastor Ode

Gathering Hymn “The Spirit in Me” (Please return to your seat when the hymn begins)

The spirit in me greets the spirit in you, Alleluia! God's in us and we're in God, Alleluia! (Sung twice)

WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude Cathy Mauge

Lighting of the Altar Candles

†Call to Worship Dan Mabey

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who created us and calls us by name.

People: We come with open hearts, ready to receive God’s love.

Leader: Come, let us praise the One who meets us in our joy and sustains us in our trials.

People: We come to offer our thanks, joining our voices as one body.

Leader: From different places and varied journeys, the Holy Spirit gathers us here.

People: Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth! Amen.

†Opening Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH #127

† Opening Prayer Dan Mabey

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and Your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Guide us in our worship, unite us in our fellowship, and send us out to be Your hands and feet in the world. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis 12:1-9 NSRV Dan Mabey

1 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” 4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. 9 And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

New Testament Reading - Hebrews 11: 29-40 NRSV Pastor Ode

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. 32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. 39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

Sermon "Learning from the Faith of Our Forebears" Pastor Ode

Prayers Dan Mabey

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

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Ode

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Dan Mabey

Offertory Cathy Mauge

†**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 Dan Mabey

Calling God, You spoke to Abram and set him on a journey, not with full clarity, but with full trust. You promised blessing—and with it, purpose. We come now as Your people, also journeying by faith, offering these gifts not for our greatness, but so that Your promise might be fulfilled through us: to bless the world. Use these offerings to build relationships, to mend the broken, and to draw all families of the earth toward Your heart. May our giving reflect our trust, and may our trust lead us to go where You send, step by step, stage by stage, into Your future. Amen.

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Communion Video “Ancient Words” by Michael W. Smith

Sending Forth

Dismissal with Blessing

Benediction Pastor Ode

Carrying the Light of Christ out into the World

Postlude Cathy Mauge