

Banning United Methodist Church

Christ the King Sunday
November 23, 2025

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Marilyn Casey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Casey

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Kyungsu Park

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Marilyn Casey

†CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come once again,

P: and feed your flock like a shepherd.

L: Come once again, and gather up the children, the oppressed, the sick, the lonely, the humble, and the rejected of the earth.

P: Turn our hearts to the least of Your children, for if we lose them, we become lost.

L: Reconcile us to You

P: and to those we have hurt.

L: On this Christ the King Sunday, join us together with neighbors, with strangers, and especially with our own household.

All: Bring us to your light in our time of darkness, through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN

"Lord of the Dance"

UMH #261

†OPENING PRAYER

Marilyn Casey

Lord, we believe You when You say You will lead us. But we have suffered at the hands of those who would destroy and scatter Your sheep. You promised that You would raise up shepherds who will gather us together so that no one will have to live in fear. So, we look for those shepherds, Lord.

We pray for shepherds who will spread love, show mercy, and practice hospitality. Lord, we pray for our shepherds, we pray for our people, we pray for our country, we pray for the nations. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Marilyn Casey

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

GOSPEL READING

Rev. Kyungsu Park

Luke 23:26-43

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.' ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.'

⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³ He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

SERMON HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

UMH #381

SERMON "Not Like Other Kings"

Rev. Kyungsu Park

PRAYERS

CHILDREN IN PRAYER

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

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Marilyn Casey

Rev. Kyungsu Park

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.

STEWARSHIP SUNDAY BLESSING

Rev. Kyungsu Park

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Marilyn Casey

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'ly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Marilyn Casey

Compassionate Shepherd, You do not abandon your flock, even when we wander or divide. You gather us in Christ, our righteousness, and teach us to live in unity, mercy, and peace. As we bring these gifts, may they be signs of our desire to follow your way—offering compassion where there has been hurt, justice where there has been harm, and hope where there has been despair. Strengthen us to live as people waiting not in fear, but in faith—serving the reign of Christ not just with words, but with lives shaped by generosity and love. In the name of the One who gathers and leads us always. Amen. (Jeremiah 23:1-6)

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

UMH #327

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Kyungsu Park

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge