

Banning United Methodist Church

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

GATHERING MUSIC

Maxine Hoth

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Dan Mabey

God our sustenance and rest, thank You for these moments of quiet before worship. Help me center my attention on You.

PRELUDE

"Rock of Ages with Hiding in Thee"

Maxine Hoth

WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

Dan Mabey

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

Dan Mabey

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Rey & Carmen Terrazas

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Mabey

L: The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh.

P: Let us join hearts and voices in praise.

L: In Jesus Christ, we are made one in the Spirit.

P: Let us be united in truth through the same one Spirit.

L: We practice our faith in many different ways.

P: Yet we confess one Lord Jesus Christ.

L: We render different forms of ministry.

P: Yet our calling is one because Christ is undivided.

L: Rejoice, people of God: The Risen Christ is among us, calling us together at His one Table.

P: Praise the Lord!

†OPENING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

Hymn #545

OPENING PRAYER

Dan Mabey

God of light, we come tired and weary, Carrying many burdens. We come wondering if You are even here. We come seeking Your face and seeking Your love. In this moment, Holy One, open our hearts to the mystery of Your love.

Remind us that You are always with us and assure us that You will never leave us. Reassure us that You love us, even as You invite us to love one another. In this time and space, may we say yes to You. In the Name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-23 NRSV

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¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two

other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON TITLE "Answering the Call" 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) Dan Mabey

OFFERTORY "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" 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** Dan Mabey

Holy God, as we present our tithes and offerings in worship, we know we come from a world that is tearing itself apart due to division. Even among Your followers, we find ourselves shutting down and closing ourselves to those who don't think or act as we do. We need to be reminded that You desire unity and one mind from your children – not a church void of disagreement, but one where we work at listening in love more than working at speaking louder and winning the day. We dedicate not just our gifts but our minds to the work of your unifying love. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

†**CLOSING HYMN** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Hymn #381

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Maxine Hoth