

# Banning United Methodist Church

## 8th Sunday After Pentecost

### August 3, 2025

#### GATHERING

**SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP**

Cathy Mauge

**WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS**

Marilyn Casey

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Marilyn Casey

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor Doug

**PRELUDE**

Cathy Mauge

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marilyn Casey

L: So many things draw us away from God.

**P: We are tempted by trinkets and gadgets.**

L: We place our interest in temporal things.

**P: But Christ calls us to a higher level.**

L: We are called to focus our lives on living as God would have us live.

**P: We are called to be open to ways of service and compassion. AMEN.**

**OPENING HYMN**

“God Will Take Care of You”

UMH #130

†**OPENING PRAYER**

Marilyn Casey

**Bountiful God, Who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear Your words of compassionate justice, that we may focus on how You intend us to live and be of service to You by serving the world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

**PSALM READING**

Marilyn Casey

Psalm 107:1-9,43 NRSV

*1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble 3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. 4 Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; 5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; 7 he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. 8 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. 9 For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things. 43 Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Pastor Doug

Luke 12:13-21 NRSV

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

<b>SERMON</b>	“What do you value the most?”	Pastor Doug
<b>PRAYERS</b>		Pastor Doug
CHILDREN IN PRAYER (After each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)		
SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
<b>PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS</b>		Marilyn Casey
<b>OFFERTORY</b>		Cathy Mauge
† <b>DOXOLOGY</b>	“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.	
† <b>PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>		Marilyn Casey
<b>Holy and ever-present God, You call us to set our minds on things above, to let go of all that weighs us down, and to embrace the new life found in Christ. As we bring these gifts, shape our hearts in generosity, our hands in service, and our minds in faithfulness. May these offerings be used to transform lives, to build up Your Kingdom, and to reflect Your love in this world. Keep us ever mindful that we give because You have first given so abundantly to us. In Christ’s Name, we pray. AMEN.</b>		
<b>SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>		
<b>SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II</b>		Hymnal Page
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<b>SENDING FORTH</b>		
<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	“Great is Thy Faithfulness”	UMH #140
<b>DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING</b>		
† <b>BENEDICTION</b>		Pastor Doug
CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD		
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		Cathy Mauge