

Banning United Methodist Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12th, 2026

GATHERING

Special Music and Fellowship Cathy Mauge

Welcoming Friends and Newcomers Marilyn Casey

Announcements Marilyn Casey

Presentation Megan Grisham, Chief Operating Officer Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Geronio Pass Area

Centering Words Marilyn Casey

“Romans 8 invites us to wake up each day with our minds set on Christ, discovering life and peace not through self-centered striving but by letting the Spirit shape how we see, live, and love in the world.”

Passing of the Peace Rev. Thomas Yu

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 Marilyn Casey

One: Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

All: Give me life, O LORD, according to Your word.

One: Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,

All: And teach me Your ordinances.

One: Your decrees are my heritage forever;

All: They are the joy of my heart.

†Opening Hymn “Thy Word Is a Lamp” (2x) UMH #601

† Opening Prayer Marilyn Casey

Heavenly Father, we confess that so often in our daily living, we rely on our own strength rather than turning to the Holy Spirit and rely on Your strength. Help us to practice setting our minds on the Spirit by meditating on Your word, calling on Your name, saying Amen to Your guidance and praising You for giving us life and peace.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis 25:19-34 NSRV Marilyn Casey

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived.

²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.” ²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb.

²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” ³²Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” ³³Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

†**Sermon Hymn** “Spirit of the Living God” vs. 1 & 2 UMH #393

New Testament Reading - Romans 8:1-11 NRSV Rev. Thomas Yu

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Sermon “What is Your Mindset?” Rev. Thomas Yu

Prayers Marilyn Casey

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

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Thomas Yu

The Lord’s Prayer UMH #895

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

Prayer of Dedication Marilyn Casey

Bless these offerings, and use them to share Your grace and peace with the world. Help us to walk in step with Your Spirit this week. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn “Breathe on Me Breath of God” vs. 1-4 UMH #717

Dismissal with Blessing

Benediction Rev. Thomas Yu

Carrying the Light of Christ out into the World

Postlude Cathy Mauge