

# Banning United Methodist Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

## GATHERING MUSIC

## CENTERING WORDS

*Lord, I seek You and Your strength. May I sense Your presence in worship today.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

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.

**If this is your first time visiting and would like to introduce yourself, please raise your hand, and a microphone will be brought to you.**

## WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

## MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GUEST SPEAKER

Mary Ann Rickena, Faith in Action

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Open Your hearts to God's loving mercy.

**P: Lord, come into our hearts this day.**

L: Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

**P: Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.**

L: Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

**P: Lord, we thank You for the many blessings which You pour into our lives. AMEN.**

## †OPENING HYMN

"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

## OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, Who lifts us up, reside in our hearts today. Help us to listen closely for Your word to us. Remind us that You are always with us throughout all of our lives. Give us confidence in Your presence so that we may go into Your world ready to witness to Your love through our works and our deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

## PSALM READING

Psalm 105:1-6 NRSV

1 O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples. 2 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works. 3 Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. 4 Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually. 5 Remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered, 6 O offspring of His servant Abraham, children of Jacob, His chosen ones.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:2-15 NRSV

2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." 4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. 5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." 6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you

shall see the glory of the LORD, because He has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against Him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for He has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMONIC HYMN**

"My God Supplies My Need"

Sanctuary Ensemble

**SERMON**

"It Is Not About The Meal"

Pastor Doug

**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE**

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)**

**OFFERTORY**

**†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**

**Generous God, You have blessed us with so much. Take these gifts and cause them to work for You in this world that You have loaned to us. AMEN.**

**†CLOSING HYMN**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**†BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**