

Banning United Methodist Church

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Marilyn Casey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Casey

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Marilyn Casey

L: God's faithful love welcomes us here.

P: Thank God for His glorious gift!

L: God's faithful love redeems our lives.

P: Thank God for our many blessings!

L: God's faithful love is ours to share.

P: We will offer this gift to God's world. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" vs. 1, 3, 5

UMH #717

†OPENING PRAYER

Marilyn Casey

Faithful God, we come to You from many walks of life. Some of us come after wandering off. Others come sensing that You are as close as their very breadth. From our many journeys, welcome us with Your love. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us, that we might sense Your presence in our lives. In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Marilyn Casey

Isaiah 62:1-5 NSRV

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

John 2:1-11 NSRV

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become

drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” “Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Saving the best for last" Pastor Doug

PRAYERS Pastor Doug

CHILDREN IN PRAYER (After each slide: 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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Marilyn Casey

OFFERTORY Cathy Mauge

†**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** Marilyn Casey
God of steadfast love and faithfulness, thank You for the gift of Your love and the gifts of Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for the gifts we return to You daily and every day. Help us share generously with others as You have shared with us so that Your love may be known worldwide. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

†**CLOSING HYMN** "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood" vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 UMH #622

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE Cathy Mauge