

Banning United Methodist Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Dear Jesus, help me listen for Your voice during this time of worship. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

†CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Good Morning! Welcome to a celebration of God's love for us!

P: We surely need to see that love; stresses weigh us down.

L: You've come to the right place. This is a place where all of us can seek God's presence and share our deepest inmost concerns with God.

P: We are glad to hear that, for we wrestle with our faith far too often.

L: Don't fear! God is with you always, loving and transforming your lives.

P: Lord of mercy and compassion, be in our hearts this day. Help us to reach out with love to others. AMEN.

†OPENING HYMN

"A Charge to Keep I Have" vs. 1, 2 & 4

UMH #413

OPENING PRAYER

In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, You, O Lord, are present to us. As we wrestle with situations which seem to drain us of our energy; as we struggle to find out who You call us to be, You reach out to us with reassurance of empowerment and courage for the days ahead. Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives to receive Your awesome grace. It is in Jesus' Name that we pray. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-5 NRSV

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21 NRSV

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMONIC HYMN “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Summer Ensemble

SERMON “Is There Enough?” 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

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**

With great joy, we present these tithes and gifts for the ministry of this church. Be with each of us as we, too, commit ourselves to lives of joyful, thankful service. In Jesus' Name, AMEN.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

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COMMUNION HYMN “Let us Break Bread Together” Hymn #618

†**CLOSING HYMN** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” UMH #431

†**BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE