

Banning United Methodist Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

GATHERING MUSIC

CENTERING WORDS

Thank You God, for how You care for the lilies of the field and the birds of the air. Let us worship trusting in Your care.

PRELUDE

†CENTERING HYMN

“This Is the Day”

UMH #657

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

†CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather in abundance, away from the rush and the race, to celebrate the generous spirit that sings, without fear, “may all have enough.”

P: We gather to live into the work of God’s call.

L: We gather in hope, ready to do more than talk.

P: We gather to give of our time and our talents, our hopes, and our energy.

†OPENING HYMN

“In the Garden”

UMH #314

OPENING PRAYER

(John Wesley’s Covenant Prayer)

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for You or set aside for you, praised for you, or criticized for You. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to Your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, You are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 22:1-2, 7-9 NRSV

¹A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. ²The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. ⁷The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender. ⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. ⁹Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 NIV

Rev. Janice Mabey

Generosity Encouraged

⁶Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every

way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹²This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH 593

SERMON

"Using what God gives you"

Rev. Janice Mabey

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE

(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

You are an abundant God and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. With this offering, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory.

†CLOSING HYMN

"God Be with You till We Meet Again"

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†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE