

Banning United Methodist Church

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

GATHERING MUSIC

CENTERING WORDS

Kathy Bainter

Jesus, help us see You in the face of anyone we meet who is in need today, and to serve as we are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

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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

Pastor Doug

MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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†CALL TO WORSHIP

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L: Though the dark clouds cover us, and the violent storms assail;

P: God seeks us out and protects us. God brings us to the safe shelter of God's compassion.

L: When we feel lost and alone, wondering who will save us;

P: God reaches out in love, healing our wounds and transforming our lives.

L: Thank God who loves us so much.

P: Praise God who searches for us and brings us home. AMEN.

†OPENING HYMN "Savior, Like a Shephard Lead Us"

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OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Bainter

God of justice and peace, bring Your dazzling light into our hearts and spirits so that we might see the glorious opportunities we have to serve You. Help us to see that following Your mandate to feed the hungry, bring nourishment to those who thirst, offer clothing to those in need, visit the sick and those who are imprisoned, welcome the stranger – any activity of service as an act of great privilege and joy. We praise You for the light of Your son, Jesus Christ, who boldly bids us care for each other and become those who bring good news of peace for all. AMEN.

PSALM READING

Kathy Bainter

Psalm 100 NRSV

1Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. 2Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. 3Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. 5For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

Ephesians 1:15-23 NRSV

15I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus

Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SUNDAY ENSAMBLE

SERMON

“Set an Extra Plate”

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)

Kathy Bainter

OFFERTORY

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†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

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As we have entered this church with thanksgiving in our hearts, let us remember that we have the opportunity to joyfully share the bounty that God has provided. In the love and name of Christ, let us receive our morning offering. Amen.

†CLOSING HYMN

“My Hope is Buil”

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†BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE