

Banning United Methodist Church  
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 1, 2026

**GATHERING**

Special Music and Fellowship	Cathy Mauge
Welcoming Friends and Newcomers	Dan Mabey
Announcements	Dan Mabey
February Birthdays and Anniversaries	
Centering Words	Dan Mabey
<p><i>"The One who speaks with authority also heals with compassion. Let us center ourselves in His presence, ready to be taught, restored, and made new."</i></p>	
Passing of the Peace	Pastor Ode

**WORSHIP OF GOD**

Prelude	Cathy Mauge
Lighting of the Altar Candles	
†Call to Worship	Dan Mabey
L: People of God, who do you come to worship?	
P: We come to worship the one true God.	
L: How will you worship?	
P: Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.	
L: Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.	
P: Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.	

†Opening Hymn	"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"	UMH #430
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†Opening Prayer	Dan Mabey
Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in Your presence. Open our minds to Your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as Your people. Open our hearts to Your spirit of truth, that we may love all Your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to You. Amen.	

Old Testament Reading	Dan Mabey
Micah 6:1-8 NRSV	
Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?	

**Gospel Reading**

1 Corinthians. 1:18-25 NRSV

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastor Ode

**Sermon Hymn****"Be Thou My Vision"**

UMH #451

**Sermon****"What Does the Lord Require of You?"**

Pastor Ode

**Prayers**

Children in Prayer (After each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)

Dan Mabey

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Ode

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Dan Mabey

**Offertory**

Cathy Mauge

**†Doxology****"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'ly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**†Prayer of Dedication**

Dan Mabey

O God, You bless us in so many areas of our lives—in places we often fail to recognize as blessing. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of Your love and blessing.

Today, we give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are and all that we have to bring about Your beloved community, here and now. Amen.

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION****Service of Word and Table II**

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**Communion Hymn****"One Bread, One Body"**

UMH #620

**SENDING FORTH****Closing Hymn****"The Old Rugged Cross"**

UMH #504

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING****†BENEDICTION**

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

Pastor Ode

**POSTLUDE**

Cathy Mauge