Banning United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

God, You show us the beauty of a loving relationship. Help us relate lovingly to one another and to you. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Let us remember what our God has done!
- P: God created the world out of a formless void.
- L: Let us remember what our God has done!
- P: God made every animal and plant, bird and fish.
- L: Let us remember what our God has done!
- P: God created people in the image of God.
- L: Let us remember what our God has done!
- P: God has made us caretakers of the earth.
- L: Let us complete our task in faithfulness. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN "How Great Thou Art"

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OPENING PRAYER

You are One, O God, and You are Three. You are majesty and mystery. Make us ever in Your image, we pray. Make us one. Make us "we." Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-2 NRSV

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20 NRSV

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

One: The Word of God for the people of God. All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Where Are You Going?"

Guest Pastor, Rev. Dr. Lynn Reece

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)

MASON JAR MINISTRIES

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

God of all creation, we offer our gifts in gratitude this morning – not just for what you do in our lives, but for who you are in our lives. You are with us in the person of the Father, the God above us. You come to meet us as the Son, as God beside us. You empower us to do the work of kingdom-building by the Holy Spirit – God within us, providing strength and boldness that we would never find on our own. May these gifts be tools that make the transformation of the world a reality. We pray in the name of one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

†CLOSING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE