

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"

UMH #77

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

