

# Banning United Methodist Church

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### August 27, 2023

#### MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

*Life-giving Lord, nourish us this hour with your love and peace so we may share them with others. Amen.*

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

#### WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:** Reuben Gonzales - City Council Member

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

L: What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God's love.

**P: God's love flows through our lives!**

L: This is what it means to be the body of Christ!

**P: This is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.**

L: Let us rejoice on this day!

**P: Lord, we thank You for the blessings You pour on us. AMEN.**

#### †OPENING HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

UMH #396

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

#### OPENING PRAYER

**We cry to You O Lord from the back of the line, from the edge of the crowd, from the corner of the room. But You make no distinctions, nor do You set such boundaries. Your faithfulness is great; Your Grace is enough. And we are covered in Your love. Amen**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 NRSV

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. <sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— <sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

#### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21-28 NRSV

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying,

"Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMONIC HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Summer Ensemble

**SERMON** "Great is your Faith" 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)**

**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 abundance and joy, we thank You for the many blessings You have poured on our lives. Receive these gifts, lovingly given, and bless them in Your service. AMEN.**

†**CLOSING HYMN** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" UMH #361

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

†**BENEDICTION**