

Reach One More For Jesus!

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

†Congregation rises in body or spirit
Congregational response in bold

GATHERING MUSIC Thelma Downey

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT Denise Cosgrove
Jesus, sometimes I'm the prodigal (wasteful) child in your parable, sometimes the resentful one. But help me be like the father: unconditionally loving to all.

PRELUDE "PAN DE VIDA" Thelma Downey
 by Bob Hurd, Pia Moriarty/arr. by Dominic MacAller

WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS Denise Cosgrove
 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 and extend our welcome.

WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Tom

MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS Denise Cosgrove

CALL TO WORSHIP Denise Cosgrove
 L: Like a loving Father, God offers us freedom to choose our own path.
P: In God's freedom, we are a new creation.
 L: Like a merciful Mother, God offers us compassion when we lose our way.
P: In God's mercy, we are a new creation.
 L: Like a forgiving Parent, God welcomes us home with open arms.
P: In God's embrace, we are a new creation.
 L: Come! Let us worship the One Who makes all things new. **Amen.**

†**OPENING HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymnal #89
 vs. 1-3

†**OPENING PRAYER** Denise Cosgrove
Merciful God, you seek the lost sheep of Your pasture; You call out to all who have strayed. As the father welcomed the prodigal son home, receive us back into Your loving arms. Your steadfast love, O God, knows no bounds. Your loving embrace is always there for us. Be with us in our time of worship, that we may feel Your presence and know that You are our true home. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Spirit Song" Pastor Tom

SCRIPTURE READING Denise Cosgrove
 Luke 15:11-32 NRSV

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother
 11 Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. 12The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. 13A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!

18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " 20So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." 22But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

25 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." 28Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" 31Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

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

MESSAGE "A GOOD FATHER AND TWO BAD SONS" Pastor Tom

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE Pastor Tom
 Children in Prayer (After all slides: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)
 Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
 Silent 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 MINISTRY

OFFERTORY "Blest Are They" Thelma Downey
 by David Haas

†**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** Denise Cosgrove
God of overflowing abundance, You bless the earth and it brings forth food. We, who have been given so much, rejoice in our ability to aid those who are in need. As we present our offerings this day, bless these gifts, the bounty of this good land, that they may reach those who need it most. May we, who call ourselves Christ's disciples, continue to give freely of our worldly riches, just as Christ gave freely of His heavenly riches. Amen.

†**CLOSING HYMN** "Amazing Grace" vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6 Hymnal #378

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Tom
 (Please remain in your pew while the pastor and worship team process)

POSTLUDE "Lift Up Your Heads" Thelma Downey
 by Steven L. Fry

"A GOOD FATHER AND TWO BAD SONS"

1. Grace go h_nt_ng.

2. Love before r_p_nt_nc_

In Ministry:
 Pastor Tom Tran
 Rev. Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi East District Superintendent
 Bishop Grant Hagiya , California-Pacific Annual Conference

Cheerfully Serving the Lord in Worship this Morning...
Liturgist: Denise Cosgrove **Head Usher:** Jack Holstad **Assisted by:** Penny Holstad, Dick Carris, Sandra Glickman, Ron Glickman Carol Hull and Sonya Moore **Greeters:** Dan & Rev. Janice Mabey **Organist:** Thelma Downey **Sound Technician/Video Technician:** Tiffany Douglas



Sunday, March 27th
 9:15 AM Sunday School Preliminary Session - Office Lounge
 10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service

Tuesday, March 29th
 9:00 AM The Gathering - Office Lounge
 5:30 PM Lenten Bible Study - Narthex

Sunday, April 3rd
 10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service



Please remember to pick up your Tower Tidings today after service. Our electronic newsletter has been sent by email to those who have requested an electronic version. If you would like to receive our electronic version, please send an email to banningumc@aol.com with "newsletter" in the subject line. If you would like a printed version, please call the office.

Puzzle!

Using the code, complete this passage based on Ezekiel 34.

CODE

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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“As a _____ looks after his
 H S V K S V I W

_____ when _____ is
 H X Z G G V I V W U O L X P S V

_____ them, so will I _____ after my _____.
 D R G S O L L P H S V V K

I will _____ them and _____ them.
 I V H X F V K Z H G F I V

I will _____ for the _____ and bring back
 H V Z I X S O L H G

the _____ . I will _____ up the _____
 H G I Z B H Y R M W R M Q F I V W

and _____ the _____ . You are my
 H G I V M T G S V M D V Z P

_____ ... and I am your _____.”
 H S V V K T L W



Answer: shepherd, scattered, flock, he, with, look, sheep, rescue, pasture, search, lost, strays, bind, injured, strengthen, weak, sheep, God



MARCH 28TH BARBARA BRINTON

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IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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| Margaret Aarung | Donna Hensley | Betty Neese |
| Sékou T. Billings | Olga Hernandez | Dennis Phielman |
| Tracy Boop | Rita Heslop | Sonia Presley |
| Barbara Brinton | Jack & Penny Holstad | David Pieksma |
| Nancy Brown | Rev. Dave & Amie Horning | Craig Pieksma |
| Lois Butler | Jill Hughes | Emma Poole |
| CJ Cannavo | Fran Hull | Marguerite Priestees |
| Salena Case | Mackenzie Hurley | Jennifer Ratliff & Family |
| Alan Curry | Sallie Hurley | Craig Rusk |
| Robert Curry | Carleen Jerrel | Jim & Eve Rusk |
| DeWitt Family | JoAnne Jesson | SSGT Ryan Savely |
| SGT 1st David Dimattio | MAJ Mark Jones | CPT Brock Schnute |
| Justin Dominguez & Family | Carol Kelly | Robert Staley |
| Zach Echternkamp | Fern Koehnemann | Patti Stewart |
| Nathan Field | Debbie & Chris McDonald | SFC Korey Stillion |
| Olga Figueroa | Dan Mabey | |
| Dean Fisher | Shirley Majors | Remember, if you have a |
| Alma Jo Fultz | Don & Marsy Maraska | loved one's name on the |
| Ana Maria Fultz | Nahla Marine | prayer list that can now be |
| Gailey Family | Jack Menzia | removed, please call the |
| Bob Glidewell | Bob Messick | office, 849-3413. |
| Rosie Griffin | SSGT Lance Miller | |
| Jim Grim | Jackie Miller | If you need to put a name |
| Tenise Hajali | Ginny Mills | on the Prayer Chain |
| Sharilyn Hansen | Gloria Miranda | immediately, please call |
| SGT Matt Harker | Aaron Murg | Diane Doser, 769-9087. |



Banning United Methodist Church would like to welcome any newcomers joining us in worship this morning! We hope our worship service touches your heart and that you feel the presence of the Lord. If you have any questions about our church, please call the church office at 849-3413. May God bless your day, and we hope you will worship with us again!

Banning United Methodist Church: Mission Statement
Our mission is to serve and share the Love of God by developing personal faith through Jesus Christ and by promoting the unity of believers; membership in His family; and, Christian service through acts of justice, mercy and loving obedience in the church and in the community.

WELCOME
thanks for joining us



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