

Banning United Methodist Church

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 11, 2026

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Marilyn Casey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Casey

LITURGY OF DEDICATION OF A GIFT

Pastor Ode

Pastor:

We present these gifts to be consecrated to the glory of Almighty God and for service in this church in loving memory of Jim and Rita Heslop.

Acceptance: (in unison)

We accept these memorials as a sacred trust and will guard and use it reverently in loving memory of Jim and Rita Heslop.

Pastor:

In the Name of the Holy and triune God, we consecrate these gifts to the glory of God and in memory of God's servants Jim and Rita Heslop. The memory of the righteous is ever blessed.

Prayer (in unison)

Most loving God, without You no words or works of ours have meaning. Accept the gifts of our hands as symbols of our devotion. Grant us Your blessing, as we have consecrated these gifts to Your glory, that it may be an enduring witness before all our people, and that our lives may be consecrated in Your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Ode

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Marilyn Casey

L: Welcome to worship this day!

P: We have come seeking God's blessings and love.

L: They shall be given to you.

P: We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.

L: These will be offered to you. Open your hearts to receive God's *Good News*.

P: We open our hearts to all of God's words and ways for us. AMEN.

†OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH #89

†OPENING PRAYER

Marilyn Casey

You Who Call Us, we come before You in answer Your call in our life. You created the heavens and the earth and placed us here for life and hope. We know Your dream for a world that is righteous and just, a world You promise will come to pass.

Breathe Your Spirit upon us again and again, and bring to life our passion for Your bold vision. Make us lights to those who sit in darkness! In the Name of Jesus, Who descended into the waters of baptism to show us the way to righteousness, and of the Soaring Spirit, who alights upon those who arise from these life-giving waters. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Marilyn Casey

Psalms 29:1-11 NRSV

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness

of Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!” ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

GOSPEL READING

Pastor Ode

Matthew 3:13-17 NRSV

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN

“Spirit Song”

UMH #347

SERMON

“Consecrated for Service: Body, Mind, and Spirit in Christ” (Romans 12:1-2)”

Pastor Ode

PRAYERS

Marilyn Casey

CHILDREN IN PRAYER

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

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Ode

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Marilyn Casey

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'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Marilyn Casey

Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Just as Jesus stepped into the river to stand with us and for us, we bring these gifts today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim Your Kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill Your righteousness among us. Help us, Your baptized people, to be instruments of healing, hope, and holy change in a world longing for *good news*. In Christ’s Name we pray, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

UMH #419

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Ode

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge