

Banning United Methodist Church

Transfiguration Sunday

February 19, 2023

GATHERING MUSIC

Cathy Mauge

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Denise Cosgrove

*We gather as witnesses to the transforming power of God. Gather us in, God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

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 Doug

MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denise Cosgrove

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Denise Cosgrove

L: Come, walk in the way that leads to life.

P: It is better to be reconciled with another than to be proven right.

L: Come, choose to live a genuine life.

P: Life is too short for petty resentments.

L: Come, walk in the way Christ invites us to travel.

P: We give thanks for Christ's way, and for the freedom to follow!

†OPENING HYMN

"Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
vs. 1 & 3

Hymn #127

OPENING PRAYER

Denise Cosgrove

Open our eyes, Holy Spirit, to love in our midst. We thank You for the power of our minds to choose right over wrong. Guide us now that this power may not overwhelm but inspire us. Help us to choose compassion for ourselves and others. Teach us to set aside old resentments and grudges. Lift us, with all earth's children and Your creation, to inspire to the abundant life Christ brings. Amen!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Denise Cosgrove

Exodus 24:12-18 NRSV

¹²The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

†GOSPEL READING

Pastor Doug

Matthew 17:1-9 NRSV

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to

Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†**HYMN** "Christ upon the Mountain Peak" Hymn #260
vs. 1, 2, & 4

SERMON TITLE "Mountain Top Experiences" Pastor Doug

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE Pastor Doug

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) Denise Cosgrove

OFFERTORY Cathy Mauge

†**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

Creator God of infinite patience, we see You in every plant that grows and blossoms, every creature that runs or flies, in mountains and sunsets, and in every drop of rain that falls. Creation is not something that happened but something that is happening every day. As we share our tithes and offerings today, we pray that You, through Jesus, will continue the work of creation in us so that we might become more tolerant, forgiving, generous, and loving. In that Name, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we pray. Amen.

†**CLOSING HYMN** "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair" Hymn #258
vs. 1, 3, & 5

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE Cathy Mauge