

**Banning United Methodist
Church**
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP	Cathy Mauge
WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS	Myrle Petty
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Myrle Petty
PASSING OF THE PEACE	Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES	Cathy Mauge
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†CALL TO WORSHIP L: Happy are those who follow paths of righteousness. P: He takes delight in the wisdom of God. L: Happy are those who reach out to those in need. P: We find delight in the love of God. L: Happy are those who set aside envy. P: We draw delight in the selflessness of God.	Myrle Petty
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†OPENING HYMN	“Happy the Home When God Is There”	UMH #445
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†OPENING PRAYER Holy Stream of righteousness, we embrace the dawn of this week, And the reemergence of hope in our lives, we seek Your praises. We seek Your wisdom and strength as we face the journey before us. We seek Your wisdom and Your strength. Erase the envy from our minds and the biases from our hearts. As we enter this space, fill our lives with Your peace. Amen.	Myrle Petty
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OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 31:10-31 NRSV	Myrle Petty
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¹⁰A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. ¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. ¹²She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. ¹³She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

¹⁴She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. ¹⁵She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. ¹⁶She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. ¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.

Her lamp does not go out at night. ¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. ²⁰She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. ²¹She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. ²²She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

²³Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. ²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.

²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. ²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: ²⁹“Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” ³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. ³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

GOSPEL READING

Pastor Doug

Mark 9:30-37 NRSV

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

All: Thanks be to God.**SUNDAY ENSEMBLE****SERMON**

"Uncommon Wisdom"

Pastor Doug

PRAYERS

Pastor Doug

CHILDREN IN PRAYER (After each slide: 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Myrle Petty

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

Myrle Petty

Beloved One, with the works of our hands, we create pathways of care. We welcome Your abundant wisdom with open hearts, which invites us to share. May our gifts transform our communities into places of humility and generosity. Amen.

SENDING FORTH**†CLOSING HYMN**

"Are Ye Able"

UMH #530

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**†BENEDICTION**

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge

