

**Banning United Methodist Church**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**February 15, 2026**

**GATHERING**

**Special Music and Fellowship** ..... Cathy Mauge

**Welcoming Friends and Newcomers** ..... Marilyn Casey

**Announcements** ..... Marilyn Casey

**Centering Words** ..... Marilyn Casey

*“Holy One, help us recognize You, whether we glimpse Your bright glory or hear Your voice amid the clouds that sometimes come with life.”*

**Passing of the Peace** ..... Pastor Ode

**WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Prelude** ..... Cathy Mauge

Lighting of the Altar Candles

†**Call to Worship** ..... Marilyn Casey

L: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

**P: We come to encounter God’s glory revealed.**

L: We witness the revelation of Christ’s divinity made plain before us.

**P: We come to witness God’s glory revealed.**

L: We remember that God’s glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

**P: We come to remember God’s glory revealed.**

L: We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God’s glory goes before us and behind us.

**P: We come to be sent out to share God’s glory revealed. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

†**Opening Hymn** “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” ..... UMH #404

†**Opening Prayer** ..... Marilyn Casey

**Radiant God, we come to You on the mountaintop to experience Your glory. You come to us in the valleys. We meet You in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of You encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect Your Kingdom in the world. Transform us and keep us near to You. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** - Exodus 24:12-18 NRSV..... Marilyn Casey

The 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.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To 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.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The 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. Now 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. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**Gospel Reading** - 2 Peter 1:16-21 NRSV..... Pastor Ode

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed.

You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon Hymn** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” ..... UMH #349

**Sermon** "Into the Glory: When God Invites Us Closer" ..... 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

**Light of Light, even when our dreams grow dark, You bless us with Your radiance and Your love. Illumine the gifts we bring before You now, that the world may see Your light in the shadows of our world. Illumine our very lives, that our souls may shine with Christ and bring His hope wherever we go. Amen.**

### SENDING FORTH

**Closing Hymn** "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" ..... UMH #349

#### **Dismissal with Blessing**

Benediction ..... Pastor Ode

Carrying the Light of Christ out into the World

**Postlude** ..... Cathy Mauge