

**Banning United Methodist Church**  
**Mother's Day**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
May 10, 2026

**GATHERING**

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

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

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

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

“Through fire and testing, God brings us to a place of blessing and promise.  
The Holy Spirit leads us onto the great path of love.”

**WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Prelude** ..... Cathy Mauge  
Lighting of the Altar Candles

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

L: Gather us in, O God.

**P: Amidst fire and storm, make us whole.**

L: Bring us into Your presence, Holy One.

**P: From suffering and pain, save us.**

L: Shelter us in Your loving arms, Precious Lord.

**P: On the highways of life, guide us.**

L: Make us Your disciples, Great Spirit.

**P: As we worship this day, lead us home.**

**†Opening Hymn** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ..... UMH #140

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

**Gracious and Living God,**

**We gather today with open hearts and curious minds, much like those who met in the synagogues of Thessalonica and the streets of Berea. We thank You for the gift of Your Word and the breath of Your Spirit that makes these ancient stories come alive for us today. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** - Psalm 66:8-14 NRSV ..... Marilyn Casey

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, 14 those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**New Testament Reading** - Acts 17:1-12 NRSV ..... Pastor Ode

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them

from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go. That very night the believers sent Paul and Silas off to Beroea; and when they arrived, they went to the Jewish synagogue. These Jews were more receptive than those in Thessalonica, for they welcomed the message very eagerly and examined the scriptures every day to see whether these things were so. Many of them therefore believed, including not a few Greek women and men of high standing.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon Hymn** "Wonderful Words of Life" ..... UMH #600

**Sermon** "Turning The World Upside Down for Jesus" ..... 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

**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

**Refiner's fire, You purify us and wash us in the waters of our baptism. In gratitude and thanksgiving, we return these gifts to You now, that they may bring hope and light to a world in need. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

**Closing Hymn** "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs 1, 2, 4, & 5 ..... UMH #57

**Dismissal with Blessing**

Benediction ..... Pastor Ode

Carrying the Light of Christ out into the World

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