

Banning United Methodist Church
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27th, 2026

GATHERING

Special Music and Fellowship Cathy Mauge

Welcoming Friends and Newcomers Myrle Petty

Announcements Myrle Petty

Presentation - Kay Hobert - SPRC Chair

Centering Words Myrle Petty

*We quiet our hearts before the God whose word stands firm forever,
that we may become the church Christ desires—steadfast, hopeful, and united in love.*

Passing of the Peace Pastor Ode

Gathering Hymn “The Spirit in Me” (Please return to your seat when the hymn begins)

The spirit in me greets the spirit in you, Alleluia! God's in us and we're in God, Alleluia! (Sung twice)

WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude Cathy Mauge

Lighting of the Altar Candles

†Call to Worship Myrle Petty

Leader: Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: Your faithfulness endures to all generations.

Leader: Christ calls us to bear with one another, to build each other up, and to live in harmony.

People: Make us one, Lord, as You desire Your church to be.

Leader: Let us worship the God who strengthens us with hope and unites us in love. **Amen.**

†Opening Hymn “Come, Thou Almighty King” UMH #61

† Opening Prayer Myrle Petty

Steadfast God, Your word stands firm, guiding us through every season. By Your Spirit, shape us into the church Christ desires—patient in love, generous in encouragement, and united in purpose. Teach us to welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us, so that our life together brings glory to You. Renew our hearts, strengthen our witness, and make us faithful in all we do. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 119: 89-96 NSRV Myrle Petty

⁸⁹ The LORD exists forever; your word is firmly fixed in heaven. ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. ⁹¹ By your appointment they stand today, for all things are your servants. ⁹² If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my misery. ⁹³ I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life. ⁹⁴ I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts. ⁹⁵ The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your decrees. ⁹⁶ I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

New Testament Reading - Romans 15:1-6 NRSV Pastor Ode

¹ We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. ³ For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of

steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn “My Hope Is Built” UMH #368

Sermon “The Church Christ Desires” Pastor Ode

Prayers Myrle Petty

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 Myrle Petty

Mason Jar Ministry (To benefit Healing Waters) Myrle Petty

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 Myrle Petty

Faithful Lord, You sustain us with Your enduring word and call us to build up Your church. Receive these gifts, offered in gratitude and hope. Use them to strengthen Your people, extend Your compassion, and further the unity Christ desires for His body. Make our giving a sign of our commitment to Your mission in the world. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH #577

Dismissal with Blessing

Benediction Pastor Ode

Carrying the Light of Christ out into the World

Postlude Cathy Mauge