

# Banning United Methodist Church

## Third Sunday of Easter

### April 23, 2023

#### GATHERING MUSIC

#### MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

*In the midst of confusion and doubt, Love walks beside us.*

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

#### WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### MINISTRY MOMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PRESENTATION

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#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome! It's wonderful to greet you in the name of Jesus.

P: **Thank you! We are glad to be here.**

L: Today we will speak of a special trip Jesus took.

P: **We are eager to hear about this.**

L: Ah, but it isn't only about Jesus; it's also about us!

P: **Lord, make us ready for this journey with Jesus. AMEN**

†OPENING HYMN "O Spirit of the Living God" vs. 1,3 & 4 UMH #539

#### OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, You have given Yourself to us in the person of Jesus. We have His example of loving ministry as a guide for our lives. We stand as people forgiven and reconciled to You. Be with us this day. Remind us that You are always near. Guide our lives, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

#### PSALTER READING Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 NRSV

<sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. <sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. <sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. <sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

<sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? <sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, <sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. <sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. <sup>16</sup>O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. <sup>17</sup>I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

†HYMN "He Lives" vs. 1 & 3 UMH #310

#### GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-35 NRSV

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there

in these days?"<sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,<sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.<sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.<sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,<sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.<sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."<sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!<sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"<sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.<sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.<sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.<sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.<sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"<sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.<sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"<sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** "Road Trip"

**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE**

**GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)**

**OFFERTORY**

†**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**  
**Lord, I ask Your blessing on these gifts and on these people. Please be with them; give them courage.  
Use these gifts to help others as you have healed and helped us, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

†**CLOSING HYMN** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH #133

†**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**