

Banning United Methodist Church
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20th, 2026

GATHERING

Special Music and Fellowship Cathy Mauge

Welcoming Friends and Newcomers Kathy Bainter

Announcements Kathy Bainter

Guest Presentation - Merle Nazareth, HEALING WATERS, Inc.

Centering Words Kathy Bainter

In our weariness, God revives us; in our ordinary lives, God works extraordinary grace.

We wait in hope for the Word that sustains us.

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 Kathy Bainter

Leader: Our souls faint for God's salvation, yet we hope in His word.

People: Revive us, Lord, according to Your faithfulness.

Leader: God calls ordinary people to extraordinary service.

People: Strengthen us to serve with courage and love.

Leader: Let us worship the God who works wonders through everyday lives. **Amen.**

†Opening Hymn “A Charge to Keep I Have” UMH #413

† Opening Prayer Kathy Bainter

Faithful God, when we feel worn and waiting, breathe life into us again. As You used ordinary believers to build Your church, use us to bring Your love in the world. Revive our spirits, steady our hope, and shape our service so that Your Word shines through all we do. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 119: 81-88 NSRV Kathy Bainter

⁸¹ My soul languishes for your salvation; I hope in your word. ⁸² My eyes fail with watching for your promise; I ask, “When will you comfort me?” ⁸³ For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes. ⁸⁴ How long must your servant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me? ⁸⁵ The arrogant have dug pitfalls for me; they flout your law. ⁸⁶ All your commandments are enduring; I am persecuted without cause; help me! ⁸⁷ They have almost made an end of me on earth; but I have not forsaken your precepts.

⁸⁸ In your steadfast love spare my life, so that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

New Testament Reading - Romans 16:1-5 NRSV Pastor Ode

¹ I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, ² so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a

benefactor of many and of myself as well. ³ Greet Prisca and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus, ⁴ and who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. ⁵ Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ.
The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn “Take My Life, and Let It Be” UMH #399

Sermon “Ordinary People, Extraordinary Impact” Pastor Ode

Prayers Kathy Bainter

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 Kathy Bainter

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 Kathy Bainter

Gracious God, receive these gifts and take our lives, and multiply them for Your kingdom. Bless what we give, strengthen how we serve, and let all we offer bring glory to Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn “Here I Am, Lord” UMH #593

Dismissal with Blessing

Benediction Pastor Ode

Carrying the Light of Christ out into the World

Postlude Cathy Mauge