

# Banning United Methodist Church

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2, 2023

## GATHERING MUSIC

Cathy Mauge

## MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Dan Mabey

*On the back of a donkey, Jesus came to save us. On the road to Jerusalem, Jesus came to heal us. In the joy of laughing children and the shouts of loud hosannas, Jesus came to show us the way.*

## PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

## WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

Dan Mabey

We ask that you please sign the attendance book, then pass it to the middle aisle. If you are here this morning as a guest, please include your address and phone number, so that we can reach out to you.

**If this is your first time visiting and would like to introduce yourself, please raise your hand, and a microphone will be brought to you.**

## WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

## MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Mabey

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Mabey

L: Give thanks to God, for God is good;

**P: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!**

L: We thank God Who answers us, for God is our saving help!

**P: The stone the builders rejected is now the cornerstone! Hosanna!**

L: Our salvation is at hand!

**P: It is marvelous to behold! Hosanna!**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad! Hosanna!**

L: Blessed is the One Who comes in the Name of the Lord!

**P: Come save us, Lord! Hosanna!**

L: Give thanks to God, for God is good;

**P: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!**

†OPENING HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" vs. 1, 3, & 5

Hymn #280

## OPENING PRAYER

Dan Mabey

Today, God, we rejoice with Christians everywhere that there was at least one day when Jesus received the recognition He deserved. We rejoice, knowing that His triumphal entry means that truth cannot remain hidden and that good hearts everywhere recognize truth when it appears. We continue in hope with people on many continents, in many circumstances, who are waiting for the day when their truth can be told. We continue with them in faith, knowing that the same God Who could have commanded the rocks to shout truth in Jerusalem will not allow truth to be defeated and good people to be crushed forever. Amen.

FIRST GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:1-11 NRSV

Dan Mabey

†SECOND GOSPEL READING Matthew 26:1-14, 27:1-66 NRSV

Pastor Doug

**SERMON TITLE** "From Triumph to Betrayal" Pastor Doug

**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE** Pastor Doug

Children in Prayer  
(After all slides: In Your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer**)  
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

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

**OFFERTORY** Cathy Mauge

†**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** Dan Mabey  
The Name above all Names, as You emptied Yourself for others, we offer ourselves and these gifts as a sign of our hope in Your reign. Where there is death, bring life. Where there is sorrow, bring joy. Where there is injustice, bring courage for change. **Amen.**

### **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Today we will return to a more traditional method of receiving communion. When prompted by the Liturgist, kindly form a single line on the right-hand side of the center aisle facing the altar. As the congregation stands and moves forward, we will sing the three verses of Let Us Break Bread Together. The communion servers will provide you with a piece of bread, with the words "The body of Christ given (or broken) for you" followed by juice in a disposable cup with the words "The blood of Christ shed for you." Once you have received the elements, kindly return to your pew. Should you feel more comfortable receiving communion via the individual vials, please advise the servers and they will provide one to you. For those with mobility issues, once the line is finished, Pastor Doug or the Liturgist will say: "If there are any who have not received communion and wish to do so, please raise your hand" and the servers will come to serve you at your seat in the sanctuary, in the narthex, or at the organ/piano.*

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**COMMUNION HYMN** "Let us Break Bread Together" Hymn #618

†**CLOSING HYMN** "O How I Love Jesus" vs. 1 & 3 Hymn #170

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

**POSTLUDE** Cathy Mauge