

Banning United Methodist Church

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Myrle Petty

MINISTRY MOMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Myrle Petty

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Myrle Petty

L: In promise and covenant, God calls.

P: In hope and trust, we respond.

L: In love and faithfulness, God saves.

P: In gratitude and joy, we come.

L: Let us worship and praise God's Holy name. **Amen.**

†OPENING PRAYER

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Ancient of Days, bring Your future hope into our world. Bring Your love into our lives. Bring Your presence into our midst. Open our hearts and minds to Your message, so that we may respond with hope and trust. With our ancestors of old, may we walk in the lineage of faithful discipleship. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH #451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 NRSV

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

†NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

Mark 8:31-38 NRSV

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SUNDAY ENSEMBLE

SERMON "Great Expectations" Pastor Doug

PRAYERS Pastor Doug

Children in Prayer (After each slide: In Your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer**)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

OFFERTORY

MASON JAR MINISTRIES

(All proceeds go to the Golden Cross Fund, helping those in need in our community.)

†**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** Myrle Petty

God of ancient days and futures not yet seen, bring Your eternal wisdom to our time of offering. Bring Your ancient faith and faithful love to the gifts we now bring. Transform the past with the promise of Your future, that together our gifts may merge with Your Spirit, to bring transformation and hope to Your world. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

†**CLOSING HYMN** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" UMH #297

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.
2. Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE