

Banning United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2023

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Whether climbing a treacherous path or walking a journey of grace, we are welcomed, received, and accompanied by God. Christ invites us to do the same for others—whoever they are and wherever they are on life's journey.

PRELUDE

WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

†CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome to worship today!

P: Thanks. We are glad to be here.

L: Even when things get hectic, always know that you will find welcome here.

P: We are grateful for the hospitality and friendship that are offered here.

L: Come, let us worship the God who always welcomes us.

P: Let us open our hearts to Christ who welcomed friend and stranger alike. AMEN.

†OPENING HYMN

“Amazing Grace” vs. 1, 3, & 6

UMH #378

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of worship, we brought with us our cares and concerns, our joys, and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal us, Lord. Make us ready to become Your faithful disciples. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1-5 NRSV

1After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”

3So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 5Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:40-42 NRSV

40“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; 42and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What can you give?”

Pastor Doug

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE

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)

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**

God of love and grace, bless these gifts with Your love and grace. Through our ministries and generosity, may others know Your loving welcome and Your gracious mercy. Amen!

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

Hymnal Page 12

COMMUNION HYMN

“Let us Break Bread Together”

Hymn #618

†**CLOSING HYMN**

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

UMH #431

†**BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE