

# Banning United Methodist Church

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

November 16, 2025

## GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Kathy Bainter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Bainter

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Don Foster

INTRODUCTION

Kay Hobert

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Hanna Jang

## WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Bainter

L: God's promises are awesome!

**P: In the midst of difficulty, God gives us a word of hope.**

L: Something new is coming!

**P: We stand eagerly on tiptoes awaiting God's new creation.**

L: Prepare your hearts to receive God's mighty blessings.

**P: Open our spirits and our hearts, Lord, to be ready to receive all that you have to offer. AMEN.**

†OPENING HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

UMH #694

†OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Bainter

**In the midst of continual change, God remains steadfast in God's love for us. God is creating something new, a new heaven and a new earth. Each day offers newness of hope and faith. Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's creative word for us that we may learn, grow, and serve as effective witnesses to God's love and power. AMEN.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Kathy Bainter

Isaiah 65:17-25 NRSV

<sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

GOSPEL READINGS

Pastor Hanna Jang

Luke 21:5-19 NRSV

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup> "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." <sup>7</sup> They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup> And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is

near!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup> “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup> “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON HYMN** “How Firm a Foundation” UMH #529

**SERMON** “Rejoice Forever In Creation” Pastor Hanna Jang

**PRAYERS** Kathy Bainter

CHILDREN IN PRAYER

(After each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Hanna Jang

**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

**Restoring God, Maker of new heavens and a new earth, where sorrow is lifted, and joy takes root. As we bring our gifts this day, may they be seeds of Your promised future—an offering of hope, justice, and mercy in a weary world. Use what we give and who we are to proclaim a kingdom where none are forgotten, where the wolf and lamb lie down in peace, and where the sound of weeping is no more. Let this act of giving remind us that Your dream is still unfolding—and that we are called to help build it. In Christ’s Name, who is our joy. Amen. (Isaiah 65:17-25)**

## SENDING FORTH

**CLOSING HYMN** “It Is Well with My Soul” UMH #377

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**†BENEDICTION**

Pastor Hanna Jang

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

**POSTLUDE** Cathy Mauge