

Banning United Methodist Church

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

GATHERING MUSIC

Maxine Hoth

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Marilyn Casey

Let your light shine. Be a light to your community. Be a light to the nations. Be a light to the whole world. Let your light shine.

PRELUDE

"Near to the Heart of God"

Maxine Hoth

WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

Marilyn Casey

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 and extend our welcome.

WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Casey

†CALL TO WORSHIP

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L: I waited patiently for GOD; Who turned to me and heard my cry, Who lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

P: We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of the praise of God.

L: Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; when we do not turn aside to false gods.

P: We sing of all Your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all.

L: Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but our ears You have pierced and a body You have prepared for us.

P: We sing, "Here I am, I have come—I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is in my heart."

†OPENING HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

Hymn #585

OPENING PRAYER

Marilyn Casey

God of Isaiah, You are our God, too. You spoke to the prophets, but Your message did not end with them. There is still work to be done, and we pray to hear Your call afresh. Help us joyfully claim our role as Your beloved servants, knowing that You provide all that we need to do our work. You walked with us before we were even born, and You continue to hold us by the hand each and every day of our lives. We pray with the confidence of those who have been filled with Your light. We pray with the assurance of those who have been called into fellowship with Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:29-42 NRSV

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²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak

and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON TITLE "The Lamb of God" 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

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.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS) Marilyn Casey

OFFERTORY "To God Be the Glory" Maxine Hoth

†**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** Marilyn Casey

Good and generous God, we bring our gifts to You this day and pray You might dedicate them to Your work. We confess that we have too often missed being the church You wanted and needed, and we have placed the blame on "not having enough" money, members, talent, time, or power. We needed to be reminded by the apostle Paul that we have all that we need, whatever our circumstances. Renew us, loving God, and give us a new day and another chance. In Christ's Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

†**CLOSING HYMN** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" Hymn #79

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Maxine Hoth