

# Banning United Methodist Church

## Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

### GATHERING MUSIC

Cathy Mauge

### MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Marilyn Casey

*Christ is risen, bringing joy, hope, and the promise of new life. May this day be a celebration of God's abiding presence in our lives and in our world.*

### PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

### 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.

**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

Marilyn Casey

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Marilyn Casey

The dark night is behind us; the morning light erased all darkness and doubt.

**All that remains is the empty tomb and the wrappings of pain and death.**

The Lord has risen; He's no longer among the dead.

**He lives. The Lord has risen!**

Yes, the Lord lives! The new morning fills our hearts with joy and hope.

**Let us then worship together, extinguishing all doubt and fear with joyful songs and an unbreakable faith in our Redeemer.**

### †OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" vs. 1, 2, 5 & 6

Hymn #302

### OPENING PRAYER

Marilyn Casey

**How awesome are Your ways, O God! With thanksgiving, we offer praise for the work You brought in Christ. In gladness, we thank You for hiding us deeply into his sacred life. We bless You for raising us in and with Jesus Christ, giving us the power to proclaim with Mary Magdalene, the Risen One, not only with our voices, but with our lives. In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.**

### NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 3:1-4 NRSV

Marilyn Casey

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

### †GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10 NRSV

Pastor Doug

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and

said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON TITLE** "He Lives" 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** 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** Marilyn Casey

**Mighty God of Resurrection and Redemption, we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias! We long for Easter to fill us and soak into our bones like those who were confronted in a graveyard by angels announcing, "He is not here, He is risen!" May we run from here, not walk, because we and every corner of the world so desperately need to hear the news the angels share! Before we speak a word, may others see in our faces that the world has been turned upside down. You win; death loses. In the Name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

†**CLOSING HYMN** "Thine Be the Glory" Hymn #308

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

**POSTLUDE** Cathy Mauge