

Banning United Methodist Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

GATHERING MUSIC

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT *Serving a feast to total strangers was in reality serving God.*

PRELUDE *"To God Be the Glory" by: Doane arr: Shackley*

WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is love.

P: Those who dwell in love dwell in God.

L: God so loved the world.

P: That He gave His only Son for us.

L: Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

P: Love also our neighbors as ourselves.

L: Who is our neighbor?

P: Those strangers we meet that are in need of God's love.

†OPENING HYMN "Glorify Thy Name"

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, on this Father's Day, as we celebrate our earthly fathers, let us remember to celebrate Your love for us. Let us prepare a love feast for You, each of us with our fatted calf and fresh-made bread. Let us also love our neighbors and friends by washing their feet as our service to You, our Father.

PSALM READING Psalm 116:1-2, 12-14

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife, Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore

Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN "This is My Father's World" UMH #144

SERMON "A Love Feast" Guest Pastor, Rev. Thomas Yu

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE

Prayer Quilt

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)

OFFERTORY "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" by: Nageli arr: Mason

†**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**

Loving God, what shall we return to You for Your great bounty in our lives? Your generosity knows no limits. Your loving compassion pours into our hearts and our very beings. We thank You. We call upon You, trusting Your love. We offer You all that we have and all that we are, hoping for Your glory and desiring Your kingdom. Amen.

†**CLOSING HYMN** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

†**BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" by: Kirkpatrick arr: Thygerson