

# Banning United Methodist Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

## GATHERING

**SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP**

Cathy Mauge

**WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS**

Marvin Daugherty

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Marvin Daugherty

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor Doug

## WORSHIP OF GOD

**PRELUDE**

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marvin Daugherty

L: Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth,

**P: God's wisdom calls us here.**

L: Behold, followers of Godly direction and guidance,

**P: Christ's love shows us the way.**

L: Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise;

**P: the Spirit's presence gathers us together.**

**†OPENING HYMN**

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

UMH #128

**†OPENING PRAYER**

Marvin Daugherty

**God of steadfast love, You granted young Solomon the wisdom to rule Your people with judgment and understanding. When we turn to You for answers, You grant us the wisdom to discern good and evil and bestow the courage to live in Your ways. Be with us in this time of worship as we seek to grow in Your wisdom and abide in Your grace. Amen.**

**PSALM READING**

Marvin Daugherty

Psalm 111 NRSV

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. <sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. <sup>3</sup>Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup>He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. <sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. <sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. <sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. <sup>8</sup>They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. <sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

**GOSPEL READING**

Pastor Doug

John 6:51-58 NRSV

<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and

drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMONIC HYMN** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” UMH #133

**SERMON** "Nourishment for Eternal Life" Pastor Doug

**PRAYERS** Pastor Doug

Children in Prayer (After each slide: 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.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Marvin Daugherty

**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** Marvin Daugherty  
**God of wisdom and understanding, Your blessings surround us each day. We thank You for inspiring our actions and feeding our creativity. We praise You for warming our hearts and enlightening our minds. May these gifts go forth into Your world and be bread and blessing to those in need. Amen.**

## **SENDING FORTH**

†**CLOSING HYMN** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” UMH #431

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

**POSTLUDE** Cathy Mauge