

Banning United Methodist Church

15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 21, 2025

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Marilyn Casey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Casey

INTRODUCTION

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Lincoln E. Galloway

PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Lincoln E. Galloway

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 113)

Marilyn Casey

L. Praise the Lord! O servants of the Lord, praise the Name of the Lord!

P. We will bless the Name of the Lord from this time on, and forevermore.

L. From the rising of the sun to its setting, the Name of the Lord is to be praised.

P. All glory to the Lord Who is high above the nations and Whose glory is above the heavens.

L. Let us worship our Creator is seated high and Who looks low upon the heavens and the earth.

P. We worship the Lord Who raises the poor from the dust. Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH #400

†OPENING PRAYER (Congregation in Unison)

Marilyn Casey

Creator God, You are the source of life and blessing. We thank You that You nourish us by Your ever-flowing Spirit. Enable us by Your grace to offer You, our praise. Grant that we may lift you up and magnify You not only with our lips but in every moment of our lives. When joy is gone, and hearts are sick, O God, we pray that You will grant to us Your healing balm. When we suffer and grieve, we pray that You will hear the cry of Your people, and grant to us the Spirit of consolation and joy. Help us in each moment, and in each day to rejoice in the richness of Your love and mercy. We offer our praise to You, O God, and to Christ Jesus, and to the Holy Spirit: all honor and glory is Yours, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE (SUNG)

"Make Me a Servant"

FWS #2176 (Insert)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Rev. Dr. Lincoln E. Galloway

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1 NRSV

¹⁸ My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. ¹⁹ Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") ²⁰ "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." ²¹ For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. ²² Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

¹ O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON	"For My Poor People!"	Rev. Dr. Lincoln E. Galloway
HYMN OF RESPONSE	"There is a Balm in Gilead"	UMH #375
PRAYERS		Marilyn Casey
CHILDREN IN PRAYER	(After each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)	
SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS		
Prayer Hymn	"Wounded World that Cries for Healing"	FWS #2177 (Insert)
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Lincoln E. Galloway
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		Marilyn Casey
OFFERTORY		Cathy Mauge
†DOXOLOGY	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	UMH #94
†PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Marilyn Casey
Mighty Creator, You are the architect of the cosmos and of the tiniest flower. All of creation is a tapestry proclaiming Your love and mercy, and yet Your heart feels every loss we experience; You cry at every word that wounds one of Your precious children. We bring gifts to You this morning, not as restitution for past mercies or prepayment for future favor, but as a celebration of Your love and care for us and all creation. Dedicate these gifts that they might bring love and compassion, that they might help heal Your creation, and help us more resemble the people you desire us to be. In Christ, we pray. Amen.		
SENDING FORTH		
CLOSING HYMN	"For the Healing of the Nations"	UMH #428
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
†BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Lincoln E. Galloway
CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD		
POSTLUDE		Cathy Mauge