

Banning United Methodist Church
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16th, 2026

GATHERING

Special Music and Fellowship Cathy Mauge

Welcoming Friends and Newcomers Marilyn Casey

Announcements Marilyn Casey

Centering Words Marilyn Casey

“Lord, make us mindful of the joy Your grace can be to us. Grant us the gift of Your presence, we pray.”

Passing of the Peace Pastor Ode

Gathering Hymn “The Spirit in Me” (Please return to your seat when the hymn begins)

The spirit in me greets the spirit in you, Alleluia! God's in us and we're in God, Alleluia! (Sung twice)

WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude Cathy Mauge

Lighting of the Altar Candles

†Call to Worship Marilyn Casey

Leader: Lord, let Your steadfast love pour over us this morning!

People: We place our hope and our trust in Your word of truth.

Leader: Guide us, that we may continually walk in the liberty of Your grace.

People: We find our delight in Your presence, O God. Come, let us praise the Lord and keep God's love in our hearts, today and forever!

†Opening Hymn “Nothing but the Blood” UMH #362

† Opening Prayer Marilyn Casey

Merciful God, we boldly pray to You, confident that You will not reject us. In spite of our human failings, Your love continues to draw us together.

Be with us today, as we rejoice in the power of Your love.

Sing with us today, as we proclaim the *good news* of Your grace.

Dance with us today, as we celebrate the unity we share in Christ.

How good it is to be together! Hallelujah! Amen!

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 119: 41-48 NSRV Marilyn Casey

41 Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise. 42 Then I shall have an answer for those who taunt me, for I trust in your word. 43 Do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your ordinances. 44 I will keep your law continually, forever and ever. 45 I shall walk at liberty, for I have sought your precepts.

46 I will also speak of your decrees before kings, and shall not be put to shame; 47 I find my delight in your commandments, because I love them. 48 I revere your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.

New Testament Reading - Romans 11:1-6 NRSV Pastor Ode
1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? 3 “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars; I alone am left, and they are seeking my life.” 4 But what is the divine reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” 5 So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

†**Sermon Hymn** “Grace Greater than Our Sin” UMH #365

Sermon “Grace That Cannot Be Earned” Pastor Ode

Prayers Marilyn Casey
Children in Prayer (after each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Ode
The Lord’s Prayer UMH #895

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Marilyn Casey

Offertory Cathy Mauge

†**Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95
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
Generous God, we thank You for Your many blessings. Receive these tithes and offerings as signs of our deep gratitude. Use these gifts and our lives to share Your love, feed the hungry, and bring hope to a hurting world.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn “Because He Lives” UMH #364

Dismissal with Blessing
Benediction Pastor Ode
Carrying the Light of Christ out into the World

Postlude Cathy Mauge