

Banning United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Kathy Bainter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Bainter

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Bainter

L: When they had come near Bethpage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ahead, saying: "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" say this, "The Lord has need of it."

P: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice in it.

L: After bringing the colt to Jesus and throwing their cloaks on its back, the disciples set Jesus upon it. As he rode along, people spread their cloaks upon the road.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.

L: Open the gates of righteousness, O God, that we may enter through them.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice in it.

L: Open the gates of righteousness, O God, that we may enter through them.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice in it.

L: The Lord is light, and God has given us light as a lamp to our feet. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Bind the festival procession with palm branches. Enter the gates of righteousness with shouts of thanksgiving.

L: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven, and glory to God in the highest heaven!

OPENING HYMN

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

UMH #559

†OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Bainter

Holy One of our faith, Your son humbled himself on the back of a colt. Then, He entered Jerusalem in a low estate to bring joy to His children. Forsaking His place at your side, Jesus emptied Himself of prestige and power to become a servant to all. On this day of joy and remembrance, sing in our hearts once more that we too may dance with the children, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Amen.

PSALM READING

Kathy Bainter

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 NRSV

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become

my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor Doug

Luke 19:28-40 NRSV

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Rejected One!"

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

Kathy Bainter

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

Kathy Bainter

We thank You, O God, for Your generous Spirit. We praise You for Christ's gift of self and Your never-failing love.

We thank You for Your many gifts. We praise You for walking with us in our weakness. Receive these gifts in token and thanks for the love You offer us, a love that makes us well and whole. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

"Hear I Am, Lord"

UMH #593

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

L: On the back of a donkey,

P: Jesus came to bless us.

L: With the light of his love,

P: Jesus came to illumine our way.

L: From the power of aimlessness and sin,

P: Jesus came to set us free.

L: With the power of the Holy Spirit,

P: Jesus came to save us.

L: Go with the blessings of God's anointed.

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge