

Banning United Methodist Church

5th Sunday After Pentecost

July 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: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

P: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

L: How shall we answer?

P: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

L: How shall we answer?

P: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation, and compassion wherever we can. In Jesus' Holy Name. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" vs. 1, 3 & 5

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†OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Bainter

Lord of justice and mercy, we come to You this day seeking Your healing and reconciling love. Help us to be open to Your word, Your presence, and Your compassion. Clear our hearts of those things which block Your will. Keep us focused on Your enabling power so that we, having been healed, may serve You more fully. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

PSALM READING

Kathy Bainter

Psalm 25:1-10 NRSV

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. ²O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. ³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. ⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. ⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! ⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

Luke 10:25-37 NRSV

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down

that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Who Is My Neighbor?"

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

Gracious and strengthening God, in You, we find the power to endure with patience and the grace to give thanks with joy. As we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit in Your kingdom, strengthening the church, uplifting the weary, and sharing the hope we have in Christ. Help us remember that we are not alone but surrounded by the saints of light, past and present. May our generosity reflect Your abundant love, and our lives proclaim the gospel in word and deed. In Christ's Name, we give and rejoice. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

"There's a Spirit in the Air" vs. vs. 1, 4 & 6

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge