

Banning United Methodist Church

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday
October 20, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Myrle Petty

We ask that you please sign the attendance book, then pass it to the middle aisle. If you are here this morning as a guest, please include your address and phone number, so that we can reach out to you. If this is your first time visiting and would like to introduce yourself, please raise your hand, and a microphone will be brought to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Casey

House of Decision: Bjorn Stavness

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Marilyn Casey

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Eve Rusk

Leader: Redeeming Sustainer, visit Your people

People: and pour out Your strength and courage upon us,

Leader: that we may hurry to make You welcome not only in our concern for others,

People: but by serving them generously and faithfully in Your Name.

Leader: Come, let us worship. **Amen.**

†OPENING HYMN "Amazing Grace" vs. 1-4

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†OPENING PRAYER

Mike Smith

Lord of All, You have given us immeasurable grace and You have given us salvation through Jesus Christ. Help us with Your sanctifying grace that we may be the disciples who spread Your glory and praise and care for Your creation. Amen.

PSALM READING

Sonya Moore

Psalm 91:9-16

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Dan Mabey

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith and I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

FAITH TALK

“Together By Grace”

Marilyn Casey

PRAYERS

Marilyn Casey

CHILDREN IN PRAYER (After each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Marilyn Casey

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

Kay Hobert

Loving God, You teach us humility and service. We bring our offerings today with grateful hearts. As we reflect on Your holy scripture today, may we give as a testament to our commitment to serve others, not seeking the highest places but embracing the path of sacrificial love. Bless these gifts and use them to advance Your kingdom. Remind us that true greatness always comes through serving. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

†CLOSING HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Marilyn Casey

Together in grace we can accomplish much. Go out and share God's grace, mercy and peace.

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge