

# Banning United Methodist Church

## Pentecost Sunday

### May 19, 2024

#### GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

#### WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Denise Cosgrove

L: In rushing wind and tongues of fire,

**P: the church is born.**

L: In courage found and faith renewed,

**P: the church gains strength.**

L: In visions seen and dreams made real,

**P: the church blesses the world.**

L: In hopes of being rekindled and fears released,

**P: the church leads the way.**

L: In rushing wind and tongues of fire,

**P: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.**

†OPENING HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

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†OPENING PRAYER

Denise Cosgrove

**God of wind and flame, ignite a fire in our hearts, and fill us with Your courage and power. On this day of Pentecost, may Your young people see visions, and Your elders dream dreams. Blow open the doors that shut up hearts, and send us into the world to spread the *good news* of Your saving love. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Denise Cosgrove

Ezekiel 37:1-10 NRSV

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

†NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

Acts 2:1-12 NRSV

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Bones and Flames of Renewal"

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

God of rushing wind, coming from where it wants and going to where it wants,

**pour out Your Spirit upon us.**

God of fire, flaring on gathered disciples and burning away their stubborn pride,

**pour out Your Spirit upon us.**

God of miraculous speaking and hearing, amazing the faithful and riveting their attention to what is about to happen,

**pour out Your Spirit upon us.**

God of the young who see visions, of the old who dream dreams, of male prophets and female prophets,

**pour out Your Spirit upon us.**

God of wonders above the signs below, God of blood, fire and billowing smoke,

**pour out Your Spirit upon us.**

You raised up Peter to prophesy on Pentecost, Peter to preach straight truth to a crooked generation,

Peter to accuse people he loved of complicity in the death of Jesus.

**pour out Your Spirit upon us.**

God of wind and fire and tongues, God of visions and dreams and prophecies, God of signs and wonders,

**pour out Your Spirit upon us.**

You raised up Peter to preach Jesus to a skeptical audience, and with the two-edged sword of Peter's word you cut through the armor of a crooked generation, you pricked their hearts and saved them.

**Great God, send Your Spirit to save us too.**

You sent Your Spirit to assail hard hearts. You sent repentance and faith, baptism and forgiveness, teaching and fellowship, communion, and prayer.

**Great God, send Your Spirit to save us too.**

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

Denise Cosgrove

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**

Denise Cosgrove

**Merciful God, the blessing of Pentecost continues to birth hope for the future, offer blessings for the future and offer blessings for those in need. May today's offering bring love and light to those who have yet to touch the Holy Wind and sacred fire of Your Spirit. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

†**CLOSING HYMN**

"O Spirit of the Living God"

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**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

†**BENEDICTION**

**CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD**

Pastor Doug

**POSTLUDE**