

**Banning United Methodist Church**  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day  
June 16, 2024

**GATHERING**

<b>SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP</b>	Maxine Hoth
<b>WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS</b>	Dan Mabey
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Dan Mabey
<b>PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>	Dan Mabey

**WORSHIP OF GOD**

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>"Faith of Our Fathers"</i>	Maxine Hoth
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES		

<b>†CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	Dan Mabey
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We believe God will save us in times of trouble.

**We believe. Help our unbelief.**

We know that God has saved us in the past, tending and helping us along the way.

**We know what God has done for us. Help us when we forget.**

We call on God's power when we feel powerless to respond, believing and knowing that God will save.

**We believe and we know that God will answer when we call.**

God, open our hearts today to encounter Your love that acts with us and through us to bring flourishing to all of Your creation.

**We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, who is all-powerful to save. Amen.**

<b>†OPENING HYMN</b>	"This is My Father's World"	UMH #144
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<b>†OPENING PRAYER</b>	Dan Mabey
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**Dear Heavenly Father,**

**Relationships with our earthly fathers are complicated. For some of us, our father's love is like God's love -- too deep, too long, too wide, and too strong to measure. Some of our dads are here; some were never here. For some of us, Your Godly love fills in the empty spaces our earthly fathers left behind.**

**All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers. On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, let us recognize the importance of fathers - and those like fathers - in our communities. Help us pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do. AMEN.**

<b>PSALTER READING</b>	[Responsive Reading]	Dan Mabey
Psalm 146		UMH page 858

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have being.**

Put not your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**Their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those who help is in the God of Jacob,

**whose hope is in the Lord, their God,**

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

**who keeps faith for ever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down

## **the Lord loves the righteous**

The Lord watches over the sojourners,

**and upholds the window and the orphan; but the Lord brings the way of the wicked to ruin.**

The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

**Praise the Lord!**

**SERMON HYMN**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH #526

†**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

John 20:19-23 NRSV

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<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Peace and Paradox”

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** “Apostles Creed”

UMH #881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS**

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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**

Dan Mabey

**OFFERTORY**

“Simple Gifts”

Maxine Hoth

†**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**

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**Eternal God, the Source of all blessings, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude and reverence. As we offer our gifts and reflect on Your word this day, we ponder our role as stewards of Your blessings. Guide us to bless our leaders with prayers for wisdom and compassion. May they lead with justice and righteousness, reflecting Your will for peace and unity. Help us to be instruments of Your peace, working tirelessly for the well-being of all people. Strengthen our commitment to love and serve others, as we strive to fulfill Your divine purpose in the world. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

†CLOSING HYMN	"Victory in Jesus"	UMH #370
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
†BENEDICTION		Dan Mabey
	CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD	
POSTLUDE	<i>"How Firm A Foundation"</i>	