

Banning United Methodist Church

25th Sunday After Pentecost

November 10, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Maxine Hoth

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Kathy Bainter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Bainter

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Maxine Hoth

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

Build us into a spiritual house, O God, and we will be holy people.

Unless the Lord guards the city, the guards keep watch in vain.

Guard your hearts and minds, so that we may walk in your way.

Unless the Lord is the center of our worship, our words and praise are in vain.

Here and now, Holy One, may we taste eternity.

Kathy Bainter

†OPENING HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

UMH #369

†OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Bainter

God of infinite possibilities, when the world says, "No," You say, "Yes!" The world warns against marrying foreigners, but You transform honest love into a blessing for everyone. The world lauds the industry of the rich, but You cherish the sacrifice of the poor. Build us into a house of love and guard the walls of our spirit, that we may remain strong in service to one another. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Kathy Bainter

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 NRSV

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ²Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." ⁵She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

¹³So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

GOSPEL READING

Pastor Doug

Mark 12:38-44 NRSV

³⁸As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹He sat down opposite the

treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SUNDAY ENSEMBLE

SERMON "The Power of a Little" 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 "Jesus Paid It All" 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** Kathy Bainter

Free our hearts, gracious God, that your great purposes may work through our love, as they did for Naomi and Ruth before us. Multiply our gifts, Holy One, so that all people may be built into a spiritual house that no one can bring down. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

†**CLOSING HYMN** "A Charge to Keep I Have" UMH #413

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE "More Love to Thee O Christ" Maxine Hoth