

Banning United Methodist Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Dan Mabey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dan Mabey

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Amy Minjares: Board President, Habitat for Humanity

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing to our God a new song,

P: for God has done wondrous things.

L: The Holy One's might is not found in destruction,

P: but in steadfast love and constant faithfulness.

L: These gifts are not for us alone.

P: they are for one and all.

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

P: Break forth into songs of praise.

L: Let all creation praise the Lord. **Amen.**

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†OPENING HYMN "O Worship the King"

UMH #73

1. O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old; hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

†OPENING PRAYER

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God of Love, let Your Holy Spirit come upon us, into our hearts, and our souls and minds. Let Your presence speak within us, in the language we speak, In the ways we live and have our being. for we long to hear You, Gracious One, and to understand. We pray that you would abide in us, that we may abide in You, this day and all our days. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Dan Mabey

Psalm 98 NRSV

¹O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. ²The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. ³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. ⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. ⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. ⁶With trumpets and the

sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. ⁸Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy ⁹at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

†NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

John 15:9-17 NRSV

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Love Covers Much!"

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dan Mabey

OFFERTORY

†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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O God, our hearts sing with Thanksgiving for the many gifts and graces You bring into our lives. We thank You for Your steadfast love and faithful Spirit. Receive this offering and the gifts of our whole selves, that we might give as we have received and love as we have been loved. Amen

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

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COMMUNION HYMN

"Let us Break Bread Together"

Hymn #618

SENDING FORTH

†CLOSING HYMN

"Blest Be The Tie that Binds"

UMH #557

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE