

Banning United Methodist Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Kathy Bainter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Bainter

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Bainter

L: Place your trust in God, God's faithfulness is unshakeable.

P: May our worship this day strengthen our faith.

L: May our faithfulness be unshakeable.

P: May our words and actions be good and faithful.

L: May we grow in godliness each and every day. **Amen.**

†OPENING HYMN

"I Will Trust in the Lord"

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1

I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord,
till I die;

I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord,
till I die.

2

Sister, will you trust...till you die

3

Brother, will you trust ...till you die

4

Preacher, will you trust ...till you die

†OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Bainter

We place our trust in You, O God, for Your love and faithfulness are steadfast and true. Breathe Your Holy Spirit into our worship and Your very presence in our lives, that Your eternal faithfulness may be steadfast and true. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Kathy Bainter

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 NRSV

¹A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. ²The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. ⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. ⁹Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread

with the poor. ²²Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; ²³for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

James 2:1-10 NRSV

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SUNDAY ENSEMBLE

SERMON "Seek Wisdom Above All Else"

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

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**

Kathy Bainter

Through these gifts and offerings, bless Your world, O God. Through our lives and our actions, bring love to Your creation so that all may know Your presence and live in Your grace. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

†**CLOSING HYMN** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Doug

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE