

Banning United Methodist Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Marilyn Casey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Casey

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Marilyn Casey

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

P: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

L: Day pours forth speech,

P: and night declares knowledge of our God.

L: God's wisdom is written in the stars.

P: It is seen and heard to the ends of the earth.

L: When we see God's teachings in the clouds,

P: or hear them in the symphonies of the birds,

L: Our minds are enriched,

P: our eyes are enlightened,

L: Our souls are revived,

P: and our hearts rejoice.

L: Then we shall bless God's Name with our words,

P: and with the silence between them.

†OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

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†OPENING PRAYER

Marilyn Casey

O God, Your wisdom speaks in our streets, cries out from all intersections, and calls our names. Wisdom hopes we will stop ... listen ... and learn. Wisdom implores us to turn our faces and our ears to hear You. Wisdom urges us to bless Your Name with our speaking ... and silence. May we speak and bless Your Name, O God, now and always. Amen.

PSALM READING

Marilyn Casey

Psalm 19 NRSV

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²But who can detect their errors? Clear me from

hidden faults. ¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

GOSPEL READING

Pastor Doug

Mark 8:27-38 NRSV

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Wisdom Requires Action!"

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

Marilyn Casey

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

Marilyn Casey

For Your Holy Word, O God, we give You thanks. For Your enduring wisdom, O God, we give You praise. For Your call to speak truth, O God, we give You glory. Grant us the courage to share Your gifts this day and all our days. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

†CLOSING HYMN

"Where He Leads Me"

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge

