

# Banning United Methodist Church

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2024

## GATHERING

**SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP**

Cathy Mauge

**WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS**

Myrle Petty

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Smiles for Seniors Foundation: Vice President. Kathy Dexter

Myrle Petty

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor Doug

## WORSHIP OF GOD

**PRELUDE**

Cathy Mauge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ comes to be our King.

**We are here to be Christ's people.**

Clothed in righteousness, Christ comes to save us.

**Let the faithful shout for joy.**

Adorned with the glory of the rising sun,

**Christ disperses our gloom with holy light.**

Let all of God's people proclaim the prince of peace. **Amen.**

Myrle Petty

**†OPENING HYMN**

"Rejoice the Lord is King"

UMH #715

**†OPENING PRAYER**

Myrle Petty

**Sovereign God, You clothe Your people in the garments of salvation, and You bless them with grace and peace. Open our eyes to the glory of Your Son, Who comes to rule with justice and reign with righteousness. Open our ears to the sound of His voice, and open our hearts to love as He loves, that we might shine like dew on the grass and dwell in Christ's presence. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Myrle Petty

2 Samuel 23:1-7 NRSV

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. <sup>3</sup>The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, <sup>4</sup>is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. <sup>5</sup>Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? <sup>6</sup>But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; <sup>7</sup>to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Pastor Doug

John 18:33-37 NRSV

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SUNDAY ENSEMBLE

**SERMON** "What Is Truth?" 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** Myrle Petty

**MASON JAR MINISTRY** All proceeds will go to support Smiles 4 Seniors

**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** Myrle Petty

**Strong One of Israel, You bless our lives with splendor: sunlight sparkling on the water, dew on the grass, trees etched against the night sky. May our gifts and offerings reflect our gratitude for the wonder You bring to our lives. And may those who receive these gifts come to know Your bounty and the glory of Your Kingdom. Amen.**

#### SENDING FORTH

†**CLOSING HYMN**  
"Lead On, O King Eternal"  
UMH #580

#### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

The Mighty One of Israel is faithful.

**God's promises are sure.**

The rock of our salvation is strong and true.

**Christ's Kingdom never ends.**

The Spirit guides and guards us.

**The Spirit's love leads us home.**