

Scripture Reading: Genesis 21:8-21

⁸ The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. ⁹ But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, ¹⁰ and she said to Abraham, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.”

¹¹ The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. ¹² But God said to him, “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. ¹³ I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.”

¹⁴ Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes.

¹⁶ Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, “I cannot watch the boy die.” And as she sat there, she began to sob.

¹⁷ God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. ¹⁸ Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.”

¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. ²¹ While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

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June 26, 2017, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Outdoor Worship

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) FWS (Faith We Sing)

(Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)**

Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

Time of Reflection

Pianist: Joel Blair

****Hymn #2002 (FWS)**

I Will Call Upon the Lord

****Call to Worship (Centering Prayer)**

Liturgist: Lisa Beyer

Ever present God, help us to focus our hearts and our minds on you.

Awaken us to your words: "Do not fear." Reassure us with your unconditional love and your promise of new life in Christ.

****Hymn #2146 (FWS)**

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Children's Sermon

Stump the Pastor

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

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.

****Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn #2146 (FWS)

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Message

When all seems lost

Pastor Carolyn Westlake

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering - Please sign Pew Pad.

****Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Offertory Prayer**

Generous God, as we offer these gifts to you, we offer ourselves as well. May these gifts help our brothers and sisters, both near and far. And may they be a sign of our steadfast faithfulness, as we seek to live in your ways. Amen.

****Hymn #141 (UMH)**

Children of the Heavenly Father

Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude

Prayer for Living Generously

Gracious and Generous God, send your Holy Spirit to:

- Break through and renew and revive our churches, unleashing your gifts of radical hospitality, saving grace, and abundant life on a broken world.
- Empower our clergy and lay leadership to offer you, O God, all the gifts you have bestowed upon them.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses to live generously and serve the full arrival of your reign on earth.
- Create in me a generous heart and a desire to live in your presence with ever-growing gratitude.

I pray in the name of Jesus whose love, mercy and justice know no bounds.

Amen

Fellowship: Please join us for fellowship time following the service downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. **Nursery:** Available for your use.