

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

JUNE 25, 2023

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

To parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggles in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage. Explain parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders. Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. You and your child are a blessing to the church and this congregation. After the Children's Moments, children are welcomed and encouraged to stay and be part of the service or if you choose they can attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers) or the Nursery (Ages: New-born to Pre-K on the main level with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers). As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONGS OF PRAISE: TRUST IN YOU
I SPEAK JESUS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: REJOICE! GOD'S LOVE IS POURED OUT FOR YOU!

P: HOW AWESOME IS GOD WHO SHOWERS US WITH LOVE!

L: THIS IS A DAY OF CELEBRATION!

P: LET'S CELEBRATE GOD'S MIGHTY HEALING LOVE.

L: IT'S TIME TO WORSHIP!

P: WE ARE READY! AMEN.

*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON):

Holy God who created all that exists, we praise you. We open our hearts and our spirits this day to your eternal love and forgiving mercy. Be with us as we participate in this worship service. Remind us again that Jesus Christ gave his life that we might fully understand the depth and breadth of your love. In all things and at all times we praise you.

Amen

CHORAL ANTHEM

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH DIANE VARNUM

This, this is where children belong.
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.
This is where children belong.

*A SONG OF PREPARATION: HE LEADETH ME: O BLESSED THOUGHT UMH 128

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 21:8-21 (NRSV)

8 THE CHILD GREW AND WAS WEANED, AND ABRAHAM MADE A GREAT FEAST ON THE DAY THAT ISAAC WAS WEANED. 9 BUT SARAH SAW THE SON OF HAGAR THE EGYPTIAN, WHOM SHE HAD BORNE TO ABRAHAM, PLAYING WITH HER SON ISAAC. 10 SO SHE SAID TO ABRAHAM, "CAST OUT THIS SLAVE WOMAN WITH HER SON, FOR THE SON OF THIS SLAVE WOMAN SHALL NOT INHERIT ALONG WITH MY SON ISAAC." 11 THE MATTER WAS VERY DISTRESSING TO ABRAHAM ON ACCOUNT OF HIS SON. 12 BUT GOD SAID TO ABRAHAM, "DO NOT BE DISTRESSED BECAUSE OF THE BOY AND BECAUSE OF YOUR SLAVE WOMAN; WHATEVER SARAH SAYS TO YOU, DO AS SHE TELLS YOU, FOR IT IS THROUGH ISAAC THAT OFFSPRING SHALL BE NAMED FOR YOU. 13 AS FOR THE SON OF THE SLAVE WOMAN, I WILL MAKE A NATION OF HIM ALSO, BECAUSE HE IS YOUR OFFSPRING." 14 SO ABRAHAM ROSE EARLY IN THE MORNING AND TOOK BREAD AND A SKIN OF WATER AND GAVE IT TO HAGAR, PUTTING IT ON HER SHOULDER, ALONG WITH THE CHILD, AND SENT HER AWAY. AND SHE DEPARTED AND WANDERED ABOUT IN THE WILDERNESS OF BEER-SHEBA. 15 WHEN THE WATER IN THE SKIN WAS GONE, SHE CAST THE CHILD UNDER ONE OF THE BUSHES. 16 THEN SHE WENT AND SAT DOWN OPPOSITE HIM A GOOD WAY OFF, ABOUT THE DISTANCE OF A BOWSHOT, FOR SHE SAID, "DO NOT LET ME LOOK ON THE DEATH OF THE CHILD." AND AS SHE SAT OPPOSITE HIM, SHE LIFTED UP HER VOICE AND WEPT. 17 AND GOD HEARD THE VOICE OF THE BOY, AND THE ANGEL OF GOD CALLED TO HAGAR FROM HEAVEN AND SAID TO HER, "WHAT TROUBLES YOU, HAGAR? DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR GOD HAS HEARD THE VOICE OF THE BOY WHERE HE IS. 18 COME, LIFT UP THE BOY AND HOLD HIM FAST WITH YOUR HAND, FOR I WILL MAKE A GREAT NATION OF HIM." 19 THEN GOD OPENED HER EYES, AND SHE SAW A WELL OF WATER. SHE WENT AND FILLED THE SKIN WITH WATER AND GAVE THE BOY A DRINK. 20 GOD WAS WITH THE BOY, AND HE GREW UP; HE LIVED IN THE WILDERNESS AND BECAME AN EXPERT WITH THE BOW. 21 HE LIVED IN THE WILDERNESS OF PARAN, AND HIS MOTHER GOT A WIFE FOR HIM FROM THE LAND OF EGYPT.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD. DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

YES, WE BELIEVE IT.

MESSAGE : LIVING WITH HOPE IN THE MIDST OF BROKENNESS
PASTOR DUSTIN MCCUNE

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***A SONG OF INVITATION: WITH ANNOINTING SERVICE**

MY HOPE IS BUILT

UMH 368

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG: THE BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meetings:

July 5: Finance Team

July 9: Meeting Night

Prayer Breakfast: Join Pastor Dustin every Thursday at 8:30 am at Bob Evans in Kinetic Park

God's Big House: Sundays at 10:00 am for Pre-K—5th grade

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