

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Father's Day

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Opening Words Genesis 21: 8-21

Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away

The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, 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."

The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. 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. I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring."

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.

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

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. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation."

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.

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

***Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" Hymnal 224**

Text: 14th cent. Latin; trans. by John Mason Neale, Music: German Melody; harm. by Gary Alan Smith

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
News, news!

Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today,
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:

News, news!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and ye are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:

News, news!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save!

Welcome

Pastor Scott Clawson

Call to Worship

When we feel abandoned and alone, unable to find a way out of the wilderness that surrounds, we cry out to God...

And God listens to us.

When we feel discouraged and defeated, unsure we will ever really be able to make ends meet and worried that no matter how hard we work, it will never be enough, we cry out to God...

And God listens to us.

When we feel lost and forgotten, unable to find the words for the grief, isolation, and despair that we feel, our hearts cry out to God...

And God pays attention to us.

As we gather in this place and time, remember: You are not alone. God knows where you are, and God listens to the cries of our hearts.

May we also listen to one another as God guides us toward the cool, refreshing waters we need to continue on our journey as the family of God.

Hymn “Hymn of Promise” Hymnal 707

Words and Music: Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter,
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity; in our doubt
there is believing, in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

9:30 AM- Blessing of the Animals

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

You, O God, love us from the moment of our conception,
You know us and you love us in the womb,
You love us and you call us from before the moment of our first
breath,
and you love us when we first see the light of day.
As a parent loves their child before they ever see it,
and then embraces it gently from the moment of its birth,
so you love us—and we thank you.
Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way....

Lord, hear our prayer...

You love us, O God, from the time of our naming
You love us in our growing and hold us as we take our first steps.

You love us and walk beside us
as we explore the world with eager hands and eyes.
As a parent loves their child as they see it grow and develop,
so you love us—and we thank you.
Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way....
Lord, hear our prayer...

You love us, O God, as we mature and seek our way,
You love us as we become aware of the world around us,
You love us as we smile and play,
you even love us when we say no and when we begin to stray.
As a parent loves their child as they see it become proud and tall,
so you love us even when we sin and fall.
Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way....
Lord, hear our prayer...

We thank you, God, for loving us when we are unloving,
for caring for us when we are uncaring,
and for calling to us when we go far away.
Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way...
Lord, hear our prayer...

Lord, hear our prayers of love this day for those around us,
for those we have held before you in our time of sharing,
and for those we have thought of in our moments of caring:
(*add your own prayers*)
Lord, hear our prayer....

We ask all these things
in the name of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

Confirmation (9:30)
Emily Knight/ Leah Turner
Wyatt Turner / Dave & Kristine Knight
Juliette Carlson / Amanda Berry

(After the pastor addresses the candidates: *The pastor addresses the congregation:*

PASTOR: Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

CONGREGATION: We do.

PASTOR: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these confirmands now before you in your care?

CONGREGATION: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround them with a community of love and forgiveness

that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

PASTOR: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

CONFIRMANDS: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

PASTOR: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

CONFIRMANDS: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

PASTOR: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

CONFIRMANDS: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The pastor addresses the confirmands:

PASTOR: As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

CONFIRMANDS: I will.

PASTOR: Members of the family of God, I commend these candidates to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

CONGREGATION: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The pastor addresses confirmands:

PASTOR: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace. Remember your baptism and be thankful. The Holy Spirit work within you that having being born through water and Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
From one another and from You.**

**We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
For fear of admitting our part in the separation,
For fear of being rejected when we reach out.**

**You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
To a wholeness with each other and with You.**

**Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations
Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we
pray. Amen.**

Father's Day Prayer

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New Testament Reading Romans 6: 1-11

Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die

again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The God Who Sees You"
Scott Clawson

Pastor

***Hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" Hymn 528**

Nearer my God, to thee,
nearer to thee!
E'en though it be
a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer to thee!

Though like the wanderer,
the sun gone down,
darkness be over me,
my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams
I'd be nearer,
my God to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer to thee!

There let the way appear,
steps unto heaven;
all that thou sendest me,
in mercy given;
angels to beckon me nearer,
my God to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer to thee!
Then, with my waking thoughts
bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be nearer,
my God to thee;

nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer to thee!

Or it on joyful wing
cleaving the sky, sun,
moon and stars forgot,
upward I fly, still
all my song shall be
nearer my God to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer to thee!

Benediction

May God, our Guide and Guardian, bless you and keep you, and may you rest in the assurance **that God hears our cries, draws us together as a family, and points us down the path toward well-being and flourishing for all creation. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Response "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal 95

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

9:30 AM WORSHIP LEADERS

Lay Reader:
Ushers/ Greeters:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NMUMC by the Numbers: June 14, 2026

8:15 AM: 16 9:30 AM: 53 11:00 AM: 60 Online: 14
Children's Sunday School: 27

Total Offering: \$8,575.00 *Regular Offering:* \$7,110.00*
Building Fund: \$1,265.00 Memorial Fund: \$100.00
New Ministry Center: \$100.00

**Amount Needed to Meet Weekly Budget: \$5,862.53*

Giving Tree Pledge Total: \$1,208,800.00
Commitment Pledges: \$998,800.00
Commitment Estate Pledges: \$210,000.00

Non-Pledged Donations: \$52,557

Total Pledges & Non-Pledged Donations: \$1,261,357

Church Meetings

Tuesday, June 23: Morning Bible Study – 10:00 AM – Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 23: VAL Team Meeting – 6:00 PM – ED Building

Fresh Start Service: This service will be held at 8:15 am at Fairview Chapel. (6802 Boyers Mill Rd, New Market 21774) The design for this service is for those who want to get an early start on their Sunday and those who are seeking an alternate worship experience. Acoustic guitar, prayer, a short inspirational message, and Communion will be highlighted. The service is designed to last a half hour. OR join us later for an evening service at 6:00 PM

Daily Devotions Starting June 22nd

Monday (6/22)- Genesis 22: 1-14

How does this story of Abraham and Isaac mirror the gospel story?

Tuesday (6/23)- Psalm 13

Have you ever felt like you have been forgotten by God? How did you remind yourself of God's faithfulness?

Wednesday (6/24)- Jeremiah 28: 5-9

How fervently do you pray for peace? What is the only possible way that peace can be ushered in?

Thursday (6/25)- Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18

How can your countenance radiate the love of Christ this day?

Friday (6/26)- Romans 6: 12-23

How meaningful is it for you to know that you are under the grace of God instead of the penalty of the law?

Saturday (6/27)- Matthew 10: 40-42

How can you offer a "cold cup of water" of God's grace to someone today?

Sunday (6/28)- Worship in person or online.

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