

Woodbury United Methodist Church

June 21, 2020

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Education Sunday

PRELUDE *We Have Been Told, We've Seen His Face* David Haas
arr. C. Shay

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

HYMN *Children of the Heavenly Father* Sandell-Berg
Hymns led by Venetia and Morgan Phillippe

**Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish;
from all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all they knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

OPENING PRAYER Rebecca Hibbard, liturgist
adapted from *Worship and Song: Worship Resources*

Wondrous God, our hearts are full of praise for all of the glorious things you have given to us. When we look upon your creation, we realize that it reflects your glory. When we experience the gift of a parent's love, we are reminded of your tender love for us. When we worship with others who name you as Lord, we are blessed to be counted among your children. Hear our prayer of joy and thanksgiving this day, and sustain in us grateful hearts, that we might praise you eternally. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME Education Sunday: A Visual Tribute
introduced by Catherine Mason; Co-chair, Children and Youth Ministry Team

Recognition of Sunday School Students and Teachers
Recognition of High School Graduates

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS led by Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

led by Rebecca Hibbard

SCRIPTURE READINGS

read by: Rebecca Hibbard

Lessons for the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

Genesis 21:8-21 (NRSV)

Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. 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.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. 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. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” 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.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. 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. 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. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” 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.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Matthew 10:24-39 (NRSV)

Teachings on Discipleship

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Kaan/Hughes

**O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.**

**In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.**

SERMON

Defining Moments

Rev. Thomason

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Faith of Our Fathers
led by Venetia and Morgan Phillippe

Faber/Hemy

**Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
and preach thee, too, as love knows how by kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomason

POSTLUDE

Adagio
Christopher Shay, instrumentalist

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart