

Genesis 21:8-21

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.



FROM CHAOS TO COMMUNITY

POST-PENTECOST WORSHIP SERIES



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STRUGGLE STREET

PRELUDE and CANDLE LIGHTING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Troubled prophets and struggling families, you listen to our voices, whoever we are.

PEOPLE: There is no one like you, God of the listening heart.

Leader: Those who live in fear, and those who look for signs, you fill us with hope and surprises.

PEOPLE: There is no one like you, God of steadfast love.

Leader: Seekers of power, as well as those who serve the vulnerable, you challenge us to use our gifts for others.

PEOPLE: There is no one like you, God of all people.

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer: God of those empty of hope and those who are cast out: into the chaos of every life you enter with the silence of love; when we choke on bitter memories, you hand us the cup of healing; when we wander down lonely streets, you bring us home to your heart.

PEOPLE: Jesus Christ, conqueror of sin's power: into our deepest pain where life has bottomed out, you dare to enter; when we cry out with fear, you cradle our hearts; when we face death, you stride out of the grave, pointing the way to the kingdom.

Leader: Spirit of the forsaken and bearer of compassion: you are the mist shimmering over the valleys, stirring the waters of creation; you are the dew bathing the flowers every morning, anointing us with resurrection's grace. God in Community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray as we have been taught,

ALL: (*The Lord's Prayer*)

***HYMN:** *"Trust and Obey"* #467 UMH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE: *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*
#2193 TFWS

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY-** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings"* #95 UMH

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING- Genesis 21:8-21

***HYMN –** *"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"* #2146 TFWS

SERMON – "Weaning into Transition"

***HYMN –** *"Love Lifted Me"* (insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE– *"Love Lifted Me"*- refrain 1 time (insert)

PASSING THE PEACE



Hymns can be found in the TFWS – *The Faith We Sing* and UMH- *United Methodist Hymnal*

***Please stand as you are able.**

If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to know that we are glad you are here!

*We invite **everyone** to join us down stairs after worship for a time of fellowship.*