

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

*Flowers on the Altar are given to the
Glory of God and in loving memory of
Joyce and Bill Swenson given by their
daughter, Candace.*

Processional Hymn: B #381

Collect of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 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.

Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17, read responsively

Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.

Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; save your servant who puts his trust in you.

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon you all the day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, nor anything like your works. All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name.

For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God.

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading: Rom 6:1B-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness

of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gradual Hymn: B #559 vs. 1 & 2
before the gospel, vs. 3 after the
gospel

Gospel Reading: Mt 10:24-39

Jesus said, "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; and 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."

Offertory Hymn: B #431

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation. Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Hymns: r #70, #96
#137, b #74 after Communion**

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: B #527

ANNOUNCEMENTS for June 25, 2023

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: MON 7:15PM

A year long journey using Following the Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount Together to explore Jesus' teachings. **Bible Study is taking a break for the summer and will reconvene on September 11 at 7:15 p.m. We will be discussing Chapter 38, "Deliver Us".**

PINT & A PASSAGE: TUES 7PM

Join the conversation about the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday at Rob Roy's. Bring your Bible and an open mind.

ONLINE FORM FOR ACCESSIBILITY PRIORITIES



Our townhall meeting on April 23rd to discuss accessibility concerns at St. John's yielded many suggestions for improvement. Thanks to Laura Porter, an online form listing these ideas has been posted. Please take time to review the document and vote for those items of greatest interest to you. Please access our website at www.stjohn-smithsfalls.com. Or, please use the QR code.

Sunday School Year End Celebration Today!

Games, Cake, Prizes! The congregation is encouraged to join us following the service to play games with the children.

Annual Elmwood Cemetery Memorial Service

Sunday, July 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Elmwood Cemetery, 165 Dufferin Road, Perth. Please bring a lawn chair.

Games Night, June 30, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for games, food and fellowship. A variety of games will be provided, but please feel free to bring your favourites to share! A meal will be provided at 5:30. Contact Laura Porter if you have any questions.

What is Cursillo?

Cursillo is a short retreat which helps our spiritual growth with God. The weekend, from Friday at noon to Sunday afternoon, includes inspiring talks, wonderful music and concentrated prayer time – all around a chosen theme for the weekend. There are several cursillistas (folks whom have attended a Cursillo weekend) right here at St. John's. The weekend helped us grow stronger in our relationship with

our Lord. So, this September 22 – 24, 2023, there will be a Women's Cursillo Weekend held at Galilee Centre in Arnprior. If you might be interested or have any questions at all, please contact Trish Warren (613) 206-1405 or Kathy Porter (613) 283-7605.

For today's service:

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer

Preacher: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts

Reader & Intercessor: Chris Silvermoon-Cutler

Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Chris Silvermoon-Cutler

Greeters: Doreen Watt & Ron Watt

Readings for next Sunday, July 2, 2023:

Gen 22:1-14; Ps 13; Rom 6:12-23; Mt 10:40-42

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