

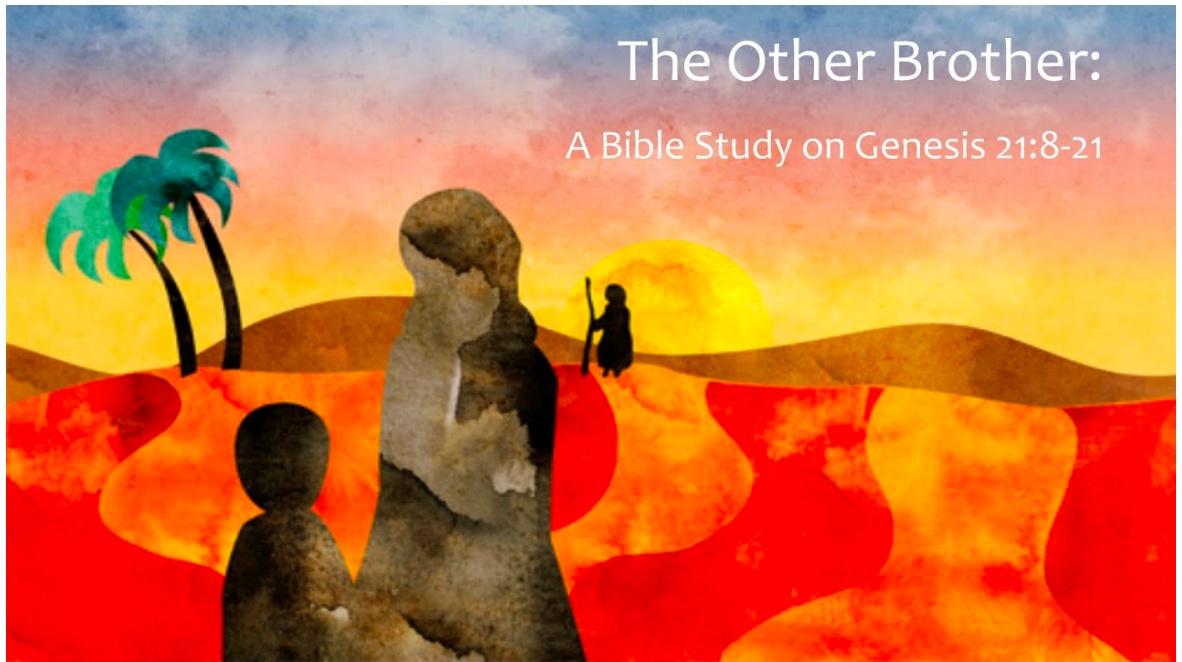
St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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June 25, 2023

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



The Other Brother:

A Bible Study on Genesis 21:8-21

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(text in bold read in unison)

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways (Responsively)

Christ calls us this day and every day to a journey of discipleship that will radically transform our lives.

**We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say
“yes.”**

Christ calls us to a journey of “follow-ship” that will challenge us as it challenged Jesus to live the truth of his identity. It is not easy to let Christ’s love be shown in the face of adversity or hostility, and yet,

**We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say
“yes.”**

Christ calls us to a journey of discipleship that may bring us into direct conflict with those we know and love, even the members of our own family, but still,

**We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say
“yes.”**

Christ calls us to a journey of “follow-ship” that offers life without fear, a life that transcends our earthly existence, eternally bound in the love and shelter of our Creator, and

**We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say
“yes.”**

Christ calls us to a journey of discipleship that will call us out of the shadows and compel us to share the message of God’s kingdom for all, proclaiming what we have learned at our teacher’s feet and in the company of like-minded students and,

**We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say
“yes.”**

Christ calls us this day and every day to a journey that will radically transform us and the world. Christ blesses us so that we do not have to travel alone, but with all others who hear their name and say “yes.”

Let us continue the journey as we worship the One who calls us in spirit and in truth!

* OPENING HYMN: “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” # 602 1-3

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.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward
way.

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.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Holy and Beloved One, Author of Life, transcendent and yet closer than our breath—we gather first just to say “thank you.” We thank you for the privilege of being in relationship with you. We thank you that you know us and call us by name to follow in your way. We thank you for being our Master Teacher, leading us through the text of your life, death, and resurrection. We thank you for being the one who cares so much about us that not even a hair can fall from our heads without you taking notice.

We thank you for challenging us to claim our identity as your disciples even when claiming so puts us at risk of adversity for your name’s sake and for the sake of compassion, justice, and extravagant welcome to all. We thank you for this community of faith, and we ask that you make your presence felt with and among us. Help us to see you in the faces of all who are gathered in this place, whether in person or virtually.

Help us to celebrate the beautiful array of all we are as we worship you in spirit and in truthfulness. These things we pray in the name of the One who calls us continually to life and that more abundantly. AMEN.

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

RESPONSE: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight,

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

SCRIPTURE: 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.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 10:24-39

“A disciples 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 the one 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.”

HYMN: “Nearer My God, to Thee” # 577 1-3

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!

When like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
then 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!

SERMON: "Don't Be Afraid"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "Be Not Afraid"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Your kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory

* Doxology #46 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication - Worship Ways (Together)

All that we have belongs to you, you provide for our every need—now we bring back a part of what you've given to us, in love, we gladly say thank you. Receive our gifts which we return to you full hearted and freely. Take and use them for your glory and for the blessing of your beloved creation everywhere. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Be Still My Soul" # 566 1-3

Be still, my soul; for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your savior and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain
Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still my soul; for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my sou; the waves and winds still know
the voice that calmed them in this world below.

Be still my soul; the hour is hastening on
when we shall dwell with God forever more,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still my soul when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

POOL PARTY AT THE TUKIN'S

The St. Philip's Young(er) Adults will be getting together on **Saturday, June 24** for a pool party at the Tugin family's house. This is an all ages event so anyone is welcome! It will be an open house from 3-8 pm.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and macaroni & cheese will be served. There will also be soda, tea, lemonade, and water.

If you'd like to bring a dish to share, please RSVP with what you think you may bring. [CLICK HERE to RSVP](#) or let Andrea Tugin know at andreatugin@gmail.com or (314) 566-8633.

The address is 1378 Green Birch Drive, Fenton, MO 63026

All are welcome!!!

LUNCH BUNCH

Please join us for July's Lunch Bunch at **noon** on **Wednesday, July 12** at Pietro's located at 3801 Watson Road. See the RED signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, July 9.

If you have any questions, contact Dave Schiele at 314-369-3450.

BOOK CLUB

We will meet after church on Sunday, June 25 to discuss 'This Tender Land' by William Kent Krueger. Set in 1932 at the Minnesota Lincoln Indian Training School, it tells the tale of four orphans. This New York Times bestseller has been described as a deeply satisfying Odessey, a quest in search of self and home.

We share a potluck lunch, and it is not necessary to have read the book to attend, as we will read a summary prior to the discussion. Consider joining us, we always have a good time!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING MAKE OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS YEAR A SUCCESS?? THEN SEE BELOW!

Ways you can help make the week successful:

- **Help decorate on Saturday, July 8** (we will be there 9 until about 1). There will be food for volunteers (bagels, coffee, juice and then lunch). **If you can only come for an hour, we'll take you!** [SIGN UP HERE](#) or on [Sign up Sheet](#) on bulletin board.
- **Consider volunteering one morning or all during VBS:** take a part in the bible story skit, help distribute snacks, help at crafts, help lead recreation games, be a group leader and go to stations with children. [Give your availability/interests HERE.](#)
- **Help create decorations** (use survey above or talk with Andrea Tugin)

Questions? Please contact Andrea Tugin at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314)566-8633 or any of the below Learning Ministry Team Members

Thank you for your support,

Missy Ruffino, Andrea Tugin, Cindy Lewis, Jordan Lewis, Rachel Fischer, Virginia Hladnick, and Pastor Laura ~ Learning Ministry

CRAFTING FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Learning Ministry is requesting your help in preparing for Vacation Bible School. We will have two fun-filled afternoons of crafting at Virginia Hladnick's house. Please bring your own sandwich and scissors. We will have iced tea and dessert.

Please let Andrea Tugin know at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314)566-8633 if you will be attending or sign up on the **YELLOW** sign up sheet on the bulletin board at church.

We will meet at **11:00am on Thursday, June 22 and Thursday, June 29.** From there we will decide if another meet-up is needed.

**WANTED -
TOILET PAPER TUBES**

Vacation Bible School will be collecting toilet paper tubes for a craft **through Sunday, July 2**. If you are able to bring some to church, please leave them in the marked box in the Cry Room/Worship Resources room.

Thank you in advance!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

David Knoll	1
Christine Vogt	1
Rhett Schamburg	2
Sheryl Treaster	9
Kathy Shelton	13
Art Kuhn	13
Jean Paul Thibodeaux	16
Kent Kotthoff	17
Dawn Schillinger	18
Don Siewing	20
Ruthann Nuelle	22
Jordan Lewis	23
Gary Schamburg	23

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club	26 4:30 ECC Board Meeting	27	28	29 11:00 VBS Crafting @ Virginia's	30	1 July
2 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	3 7:00 Church Council Mtg	4	5	6	7	8 9:00-1:00 VBS Setup 1:00-5:00 MPR Rental
9 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	10 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School	11 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School	12 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School	13 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School	14 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School	15
16 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	17	18	19 5:00-7:00 Swim Party @ Virginia's	20	21	22
23 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	24	25	26	27	28	29



**Our
Vision
Statement**

St. Philip's Vision Statement

We are called to the body of Jesus Christ, with:

Minds to study God's word,
Mouths to proclaim the Gospel,
Eyes to see the needs of others,
Arms to welcome all,

Hearts big enough to share God's love with all God's children.



Ken Behnen

Joyce Brand

Victoria Dawson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Marilyn Milne

Jeanette Monroe

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