

Shalom Mennonite Church

August 17, 2014

Covenants that are broken: Broken commitment, vision renewed

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Becky Kindy

Gathering Music & Procession

We carry in a flame, the Bible and a prayer cloth. May we trust the Light to guide us, the Word to teach us, and prayer to knit our lives together with God as we begin our time of worship.

Focus Statement "To pray is to dream in league with God, to envision God's holy visions."
-Abraham Joshua Heschel

Call to Worship

Leader: Our God, we gather to worship you,
the One who creates all things.

People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you,
the One committed to us through a love that never ends.

People: For the gift of reconciliation, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you,
the One who continually seeks us by the Spirit.

People: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.

Leader: We bring to you the offerings of our commitment--
thanks, praise, and awe are our gifts of love.

**ALL: We gather to worship you, Trinity of love:
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;
the Beginning, the End, the Everlasting One. Amen.**

- Modified from HWB 670

Prayer

Opening Song HWB 545

Be thou my vision

Proclaiming the Word

Hebrew Bible Reading

Genesis 21:1-3, 8-20

Scripture passages are read in English and Spanish to reflect the community within and around Shalom.

Children's Time

Florence Schloneger

Nursery care for young children is available after Children's Time till the end of the service.

Hymn HWB 576

If you but trust in God

Quiet Reflection

The periods of silence will begin and end with the ringing of a chime.

Meditation

"Attachment/Loss"

Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Artful Response

Jeremy Kindy

Song of Response HWB 483

O God, who gives us life

Anointing

Offertory and Prayer

Sharing Time and Introductions

During this time in the service we welcome visitors, invite responses to the worship service, and share prayer concerns and joys. Please sign the Welcome Pages (black books) in the pews so we can learn each others' names.

Prayers of the People

Sending Song HWB 419

Lead on, O cloud of Presence

Benediction

Hearing devices are available from an usher or the sound booth.

Now let me pray to keep you from
The perils that will surely come
See life for you my prince has just begun

And I thank you for choosing me
To come through unto life to be
A beautiful reflection of his grace

For I know that a gift so great
Is only one God could create
And I'm reminded every time I see your face

That the joy of my world is in Zion
Now the joy of my world is in Zion

Lyrics from "To Zion" by Lauryn Hill

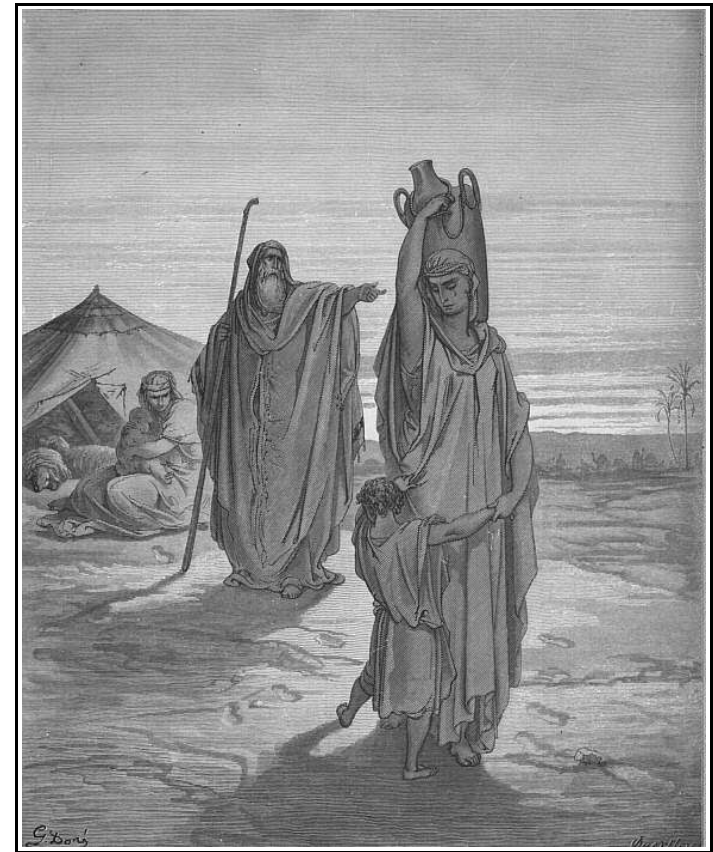
"[God's] promise assures survival, and the birth announcement forecasts the strategy that will be necessary for survival and for obtaining a quality of life. . . . Hagar, like many black women, goes into the wide world to make a living for herself and her child, with only God by her side."

Delores S. Williams in *Sisters in the Wilderness: The Challenge of Womanist God-Talk*

Greeters: Anita & Stan Bohn, Connie & Kevin Regier,
Gary & Gloria Rediger
Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Merle Schlabaugh
Scripture readers: Jen Chappell Deckert, Becky Kindy
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen
Sound & Closing: Tim Buller
Bulletin Cover: The Expulsion of Hagar, Gustave Doré, 1866.
From CGFA.

Pastor: Sara Dick
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Church Moderator: Barth Hague

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Our purpose is to worship and praise God together, to pray for and encourage each other to live our covenant with God and to share Christ's good news with others. As Anabaptist Christians we will reach out to others, welcome all people, be aware of our neighbors and respond to their needs, and give ourselves to service.

9:30 am - Sunday School 10:45 am - Worship
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