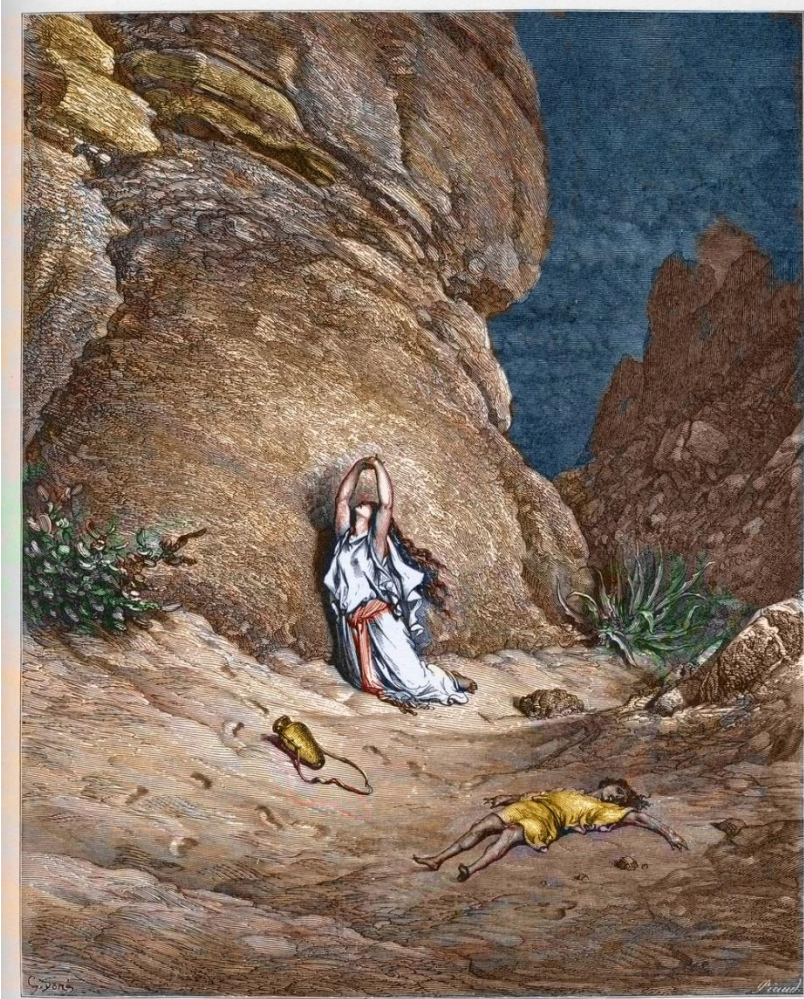


# Biblical Characters



*Wood-engraving by Gustav Doré*

## Hagar

# Waterford Mennonite Church

July 21, 2024

Prelude		Elvina Schmidt
Gathering Songs		Vyron Schmidt
	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1,2,4)</i>	VT 716
	<i>As We Rise, O God, to Meet You (v. 1,2,4)</i>	VT 39
	<i>Come Away from Rush and Hurry</i>	VT 9
Prayer and Call to worship		Linda Short
Welcome		
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Marge Gingerich
Song	<i>There Is a Line of Women</i>	VT 546
Scripture	Genesis 16:1-16	
Sermon	"Hagar and the Power of Being Seen"	Sharon Yoder**
Song of response	<i>God Lights a Lamp</i>	VT 299
Congregational prayers		Deron Bergstresser
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>God Be the Love (v. 1,4,5)</i>	VT 43

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\*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

\*\*Sharon Yoder is a conference pastor of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference

## **Prayers**

For *Cindy Voth and her family* as they enter Cindy's last week of sabbatical and prepare to move Cindy's mother into a memory care facility.

*Joseph and Rachel Givens*, on North American ministry with Mennonite Mission Network, and for the ministry of *Maria Skobtsova House* in Calais, France, where they work, as it adapts to new anti-immigration laws.

For God's Spirit to lead and inspire the *Kern Road Mennonite Church* congregation as they begin their search for a new pastor.

## **Welcome Guests**

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our nurture hour. Look for the welcome brochure on the front table in the foyer.

## Our Mission Statement

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

*Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,*

*Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and*

*Call out each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.*

We celebrate that everyone is created in God's image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

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