



*the open door ~ praise & worship service*  
*...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying*  
06.28.17 • 7:00 pm

## **welcome & announcements**

**song** "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

**song** "Come Unto Me"

**message on the steps** Matthew 10:29-31 [MSG]

**29-31** "What's the price of a pet canary?

Some loose change, right?

And God cares what happens to it even more than you do.

[God] pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—  
even numbering the hairs on your head!

So don't be intimidated by all this bully talk.

You're worth more than a million canaries.

*The Word of God to the People of God! **Thanks be to God!***

**Hebrew Bible reading** Genesis 21:8-21[MSG] Joe Tigner

**8** The baby grew and was weaned. Abraham threw a big party on the day Isaac was weaned.

**9-10** One day Sarah saw the son that Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham, poking fun at her son Isaac. She told Abraham, "Get rid of this slave woman and her son. No child of this slave is going to share inheritance with my son Isaac!"

**11-13** The matter gave great pain to Abraham—after all, Ishmael was his son. But God spoke to Abraham, "Don't feel badly about the boy and your maid. Do whatever Sarah tells you. Your descendants will come through Isaac. Regarding your maid's son, be assured that I'll also develop a great nation from him—he's your son, too."

**14-16** Abraham got up early the next morning, got some food together and a canteen of water for Hagar, put them on her back and sent her away with the child. She wandered off into the desert of Beersheba. When the water was gone, she left the child under a shrub and went off, fifty yards or so. She said, "I can't watch my son die." As she sat, she broke into sobs.

**17-18** Meanwhile, God heard the boy crying. The angel of God called from Heaven to Hagar, "What's wrong, Hagar? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy and knows the fix he's in. Up now; go get the boy. Hold him tight. I'm going to make of him a great nation."

**19** Just then God opened her eyes. She looked. She saw a well of water. She went to it and filled her canteen and gave the boy a long, cool drink.

**20-21** God was on the boy's side as he grew up. He lived out in the desert and became a skilled archer. He lived in the Paran wilderness. And his mother got him a wife from Egypt.

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**visual reflection** "Lose Your Life" [by the TWOTP]

From Mark 8, "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?" Music by The Blackstones.

**listening for God's message**

**presentation of the offerings**

**song** "Ocean"

**song** "Blessed Be your name"

**song** "Everybody Praise the Lord"

**benediction & passing the peace**

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