



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

June 23, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

As I enter adulthood, I find myself constantly unmaking and remaking my image of who I am and how I fit into the world. I'm living away from home for the first time. I'm meeting people with wildly different backgrounds from my own and opening my mind to possibilities I didn't know existed. I'm trying identities on for size and discovering new ways to define myself. Although becoming more familiar with myself is a beautiful thing, I also find that it can be very disorienting. So many things have changed that sometimes I don't recognize myself. Which parts are me? Is anything going to stay a part of me forever?

I think this is not unique to young adulthood. Life is one big journey of discovering who you are. We are all the most experienced we have ever been, but none of us has ever journeyed through this life before. It's everyone's first rodeo, if you will. People were made to exist in community, and it is important that we rely on each other, but humans are not perfect. We make mistakes, we fall short and, even at our best, we can only do so much.

But the great assurance our Scriptures give us is that we don't have to rely on ourselves. Multiple elements of our worship this morning emphasize God's reliability in our lives. God is a firm foundation, a refuge, a source of strength, a deliverer, a stronghold, a guide and a faithful companion. When the world is chaotic, God is steadfast. When we are weak, God is strong. No matter how confused I get, I am anchored by the knowledge that God is the unchanging element at the core of my life. It is God's sustaining power that allows me to be who I am and participate in my community.

Generations of God's people have relied on God as a source of strength, comfort, safety and guidance. When we turn to God as the solid, reliable core of our lives, we join with generations of our siblings in faith in doing so. God is the central point around which our community revolves and flourishes. And what a blessing it is to refocus our attention and reconnect with this cornerstone of our being through worship today.

—Ava McClung



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On the cover: *David and Goliath*, Rembrandt van Rijn, etching, burin and drypoint, 1655.

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11:00 a.m.
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Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community this morning to worship God.
To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome to Worshipers

Ava McClung

Prelude

Sing Praise to God

arr. Paul Laubengayer

Opening Sentences

Ruby McClung

It is the Lord's Day. A day of rejoicing, remembering and rest. It is a day to come into the house of the Lord with thanksgiving and song. A day to find refuge within the body of Christ. A day to tell once again the story of God. The God who is with her people through deepest waters, fiery trials and our deepest distress. May we, O Lord, feel your loving presence today as we worship you with heart and voice.

+Congregational Song

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION/arr. Tom Trenney

No. 425

Stanza 1: all

Stanza 2: high voices

Stanza 3: low voices

Stanzas 4-5: all

Psalm Reading — Psalm 9:9-20

Lydia Perry

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare God's deeds among the peoples. For the God who avenges blood is mindful of them; God does not forget the cry of the afflicted. Be gracious to me, O LORD. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death, so that I may recount all your praises and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance. The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught. God has made godself known; the LORD has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever. Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you. Put them in fear, O LORD; let the nations know that they are only human.

+All congregants who are able are invited to stand.
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — 1 Samuel 17:1–58

Barbara Peterson

Children are invited to come to the chancel steps
for this reading from *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible*.

Have you ever been told that you couldn't do something because you weren't big enough? People didn't think David could do much because he was just a young shepherd. But David showed them that you don't have to be a grown-up to do something really big.

When Saul was king over God's people, they were fighting the Philistines. One of the Philistines, Goliath, was as tall as a house. He wore bronze armor all over his body.

Goliath stood in front of Saul's army and yelled at God's people, "Send out someone to fight me!"

Saul and God's people were scared. Goliath was frightening. For forty days, Goliath stood in front of Saul's army, but no one would fight him.

Then, one day, David left his sheep to take food to his brothers. They were in Saul's army. When he got there, he saw Goliath. David asked, "Why won't anyone fight him?"

This made his brothers angry. They thought he just came to watch a battle. "What did I do wrong this time?" David asked. "It was just a question!"

David knew that the soldiers were afraid of Goliath, so he found King Saul. "King Saul, don't worry. I will fight this man!"

But Saul said, "You are just a young man. You cannot fight that big man who is an experienced warrior."

But Saul forgot that shepherds fight lions and bears to keep their sheep safe. David trusted in God, and God kept him safe when he guarded his sheep. He was sure that God would keep him safe now. David picked up five stones for his slingshot.

When David walked out, Goliath laughed. He wanted to fight a man, not a youth. But David knew that he could win because God was with him.

David said, "You come to fight me with sword and spear. But God is with me. I will defeat you!"

David put a stone in his slingshot. He slung it and hit Goliath so hard that he fell flat on his face! Then David picked up Goliath's sword. When the Philistines saw this, they ran away.

Because David knew God was with him, he did a big thing and won the battle for all of God's people.

For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
And for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

Choir will sing once through.
All join in singing as invited.

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'I de - pend up - on your faith - ful - ness.' The second staff continues the melody with a key signature change to one sharp (F#) and includes the lyrics: 'I can jour - ney on, for you are al - ways there.' The third staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: 'None com-pares with you, O bless-ed One; O how great your faith - ful - ness.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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I can jour - ney on, for you are al - ways there.

None com-pares with you, O bless-ed One; O how great your faith - ful - ness.

Message

“Are There Enough Stones?”

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

My Everything
Sanctuary Choir

Richard Smallwood

Oh, Lord, you're my everything. Praise waiteth for thee my king.
Oh, thou who hearest every prayer, oh, Lord, you're my everything.

You are my light that shines in the midst of darkness.
You are my help; you're there in time of trouble.
Oh, where would I be if not but for your mercy?

Oh, Lord, you're my everything.
Praise waits for thee, my everything.
Lord, you're my everything.

Silence

We pause in silence to reflect and to be attentive to the Spirit of God

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

+Congregational Song

Lead Me, Guide Me

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

No. 403

Stanzas 1–3: solo

Refrain: all

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

God of Grace

arr. Paul Manz



Connect with Wilshire. Scan the QR code using your smartphone camera to make a financial contribution, fill out our online guest card or submit a prayer request. You may also use the response card or offering envelope found in the pew rack. These items can be placed in the offering plate or in one of the secure offering boxes located near the Sanctuary exits.

Meet today's worship leaders

Shana Gaines joined Wilshire in 2006. She is married to Ron, and they are the parents of Abigail, who will soon begin fourth grade. Shana is the director of Wilshire Winds and attends Odyssey Class. She works as an assistant principal at Dover Elementary School in Richardson ISD.

Ava McClung is the oldest daughter of Carole and Britt McClung and sister to Miriam and Ruby. Ava just finished her second year at Rice University, where she studies religion and medieval history. She is active in her residential college (Lovett) and the Episcopal Church at Rice ministry, Autry House. Ava is serving as a pastoral intern at Wilshire this summer.

Ruby McClung is the youngest daughter of Carole and Britt McClung and sister to Ava and Miriam. Ruby just completed seventh grade at Lake Highlands Junior High School, where she participated in volleyball, track, choir and the Limited Edition show choir. At Wilshire Ruby is active in student ministry and sings in Youth Choir.

Lydia Perry and her husband, James, joined Wilshire in 2008. They are the parents of Drew, a rising senior at Lakehill Preparatory School, and Emily, a college student at Colorado School of Mines. Lydia is a member of Seekers Class and serves as pianist for the Music Makers 1 and 2 children's choir.

Barbara Peterson joined Wilshire in 2013. She is a member of Compass Class, plays handbells in Carillon Ringers and is a Stephen Minister. A former missionary to South Korea, Barbara serves on Wilshire's staff as the church librarian. She has three adult sons and four grandchildren.

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Tapestry



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News & Announcements
June 23, 2024



Youth Choir home concert tonight

All are invited back at 6:30 p.m. for the Youth Choir Mission Tour Home Concert in the Sanctuary. Our 41 singers and 10 adult leaders spent the past week in New Orleans singing, serving and sightseeing. At the concert the group will sing and share about their trip. There will be a slideshow, and in one of the great Wilshire traditions, Youth Choir alums of all ages will be invited to join the current group in singing *Psalms* 139 by Allen Pote.

Giddyup and register for Listen to Your Art!



A few spots remain for our creative arts camp for grades 1–6, which will be held July 8–12, 12:30–5 p.m. On Friday evening, participants will present the musical *Giddyup, Giddalong Gideon*, a

story of learning to trust God's leading in some surprising and amazing ways. With a Western theme, the show will combine great music with boots and Bible costumes, line dancing and bandanas. This camp offers a variety of art experiences — crafts, tie-dye, STEM, chimes and more. **Register by June 30** at wilshirebc.org/summer-camps.

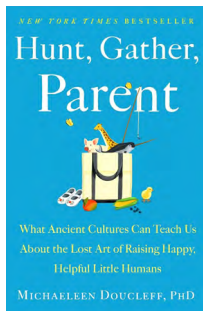
Lunch & Learn meets June 26

Three summer Lunch & Learn events will provide opportunities to learn about and help Wilshire's mission partners. On Wednesday, June 26, we'll meet at Wilshire at 11 a.m. and carpool to Hope Cottage to learn how it transforms lives with love of family through adoption, foster care, education and parenting support. Lunch will be provided at Hope Cottage. Future dates: July 17, Aug. 7.



Sundays: Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Our service livestreams at youtube.com/wilshirebaptist and at wilshirebc.org/worship/livestream. Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

Preschool parents' series



Parents of preschoolers are invited to a limited Sunday School series on the book *Hunt, Gather, Parent* by Michaelene Doucleff. The class, which meets in the Preschool Multipurpose Room, began June 16 and will end July 7. It's OK to join the class in progress. Contact:

Molly Shepard (mollyfshepard@gmail.com)

Interested in the Enneagram?

Associate Pastor Heather Mustain is offering an Enneagram class this summer. The class will be geared toward beginners or anyone wishing to continue learning their numbers. If you're interested, contact Heather to find out the details (hmustain@wilshirebc.org).

New WOW shirts, summer plans

Women of Wilshire has new T-shirts (\$15) and fun summer activities planned. To order a shirt and RSVP for events, see the SignUpGenius link at wilshirebc.org/events/wow-summer.

■ WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club |

July 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

■ WOW Brown Bag Book Club | July 11 |

Noon | 1205-L | *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ Join Women of Wilshire for **mahjong** the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. Sign up at wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong.

Wilshire Welcome meets July 21

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn more about the church, will meet on Sunday, July 21, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)



FROM OUR PRESCHOOLERS:

Wilshire, we need you!

Do you enjoy spending time with preschool-age children? Do you like to read stories, color, build with blocks and more? We could use your help in Worship Care for ages 2 through 4. You will be amazed with how these children are learning to share and interact with their friends, with how smart they are and how much they enjoy life and learning.

You will spend an hour and 15 minutes making friends with the youngest among us. We need two adults per class each Sunday during worship. You can sign up as a single or couple and select dates that fit your schedule.

If you're interested in sharing your time and talents in this way, please contact Julie Girards, minister to children, at jgirards@wilshirebc.org. Per Wilshire policy, you will be asked to undergo a background check.

Come experience the joy of children and share the love of Jesus with our preschoolers during Sunday Worship Care. Thank you.

David Giles

Hometown: Ypsilanti, Jackson and Lansing, Michigan

Present City: Dallas

Education: Waverly High School in Lansing

Profession: Window cleaning

Tell us about your family.

My kids are my pride and joy. My oldest, Samantha, is a doctor of physical therapy and lives in Virginia with her husband, Matt Stone, and two very cute grandkids, June and Emmitt. My son, Jeff, lives in Wichita, Kansas, with his wife, Paula, and two more beautiful grands, Logan and Adley. Jeff is an air traffic controller and a technical guru. Sarah teaches kindergarten at Spring Creek Elementary in Richardson and was nominated as teacher of the year this year. My youngest, Jane, is the most like me: independent, stubborn and works hard in everything she does.

How about your work or volunteer life?

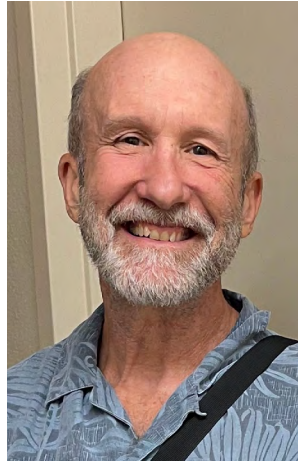
I do window cleaning. I really enjoy it because of the very interesting variety of clients I serve, and the physical work is kind of meditative. Helping with VBS last year was pure joy. I enjoyed working with Julie and the kids again this year. I also love volunteering in Friday Friends.

Any favorite hobbies?

I currently love to play disc golf and chess.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

The volunteers at Wilshire were the perfect ambassadors for my faith journey. Helping people who are caring for a loved one with dementia in Friday Friends is the main reason I joined Wilshire last October.



Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I've found a wonderful group with Whosoever Wilshire.

What has surprised you most about Wilshire?

I'm truly amazed at the diversity and love I see and feel at this church.

What do you think God is up to in your life right now?

I've dedicated a good portion of my life to reading and learning the Scriptures of the Bible. I still find joy reading and studying the Scriptures and related writings.

Tell us about your faith journey.

I started as a firstborn son of a Levite in October 1962. I was born into it but didn't do much spiritually until my late teens. After learning about the Holy Spirit and believing Romans 10:9-10, I was born again and filled with the Holy Spirit.

What's something interesting most people would not know about you?

People may have noticed me wearing a high-tech wearable defibrillator. I had a heart attack that fewer than 10% survive. I'm hoping to avoid surgery but may have to go that route. Either way, God obviously still has some things for me to do since I'm already a living miracle.

SUMMER 2024

Children & Preschool

Details and registration at
wilshirebc.org/summer-camps

Cooking Camp

SOLD OUT! Waitlist available

July 8–12 | 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Grades 1–6 | Register by June 30

Listen to Your Art!

July 8–12 | 12:30–5 p.m.
Grades 1–6 | Register by June 30

Full-Day: Cooking Camp and Listen to Your Art!

SOLD OUT! Waitlist available

July 8–12 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Grades 2–6 | Register by June 30

Passport Kids Camp

July 27–30 | Overnight camp
in Brownwood, Texas
Grades 3–6 | Register by June 30

Creation Station

July 22–25 | 9 a.m.–noon
Age 3–Kindergarten
Register by July 14

This Week

Sunday, June 23

- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 9:15 a.m.
- Preschool Parents' Sunday School Series, 1350, 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Belong Team, 1205-L, 11:45 a.m.
- Compass Class Curriculum Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Finance Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Youth Choir Mission Tour Home Concert Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 4:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir Mission Tour Home Concert, Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 24

- Bylaws Deacon Workgroup, 2202, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26

- Lunch & Learn at Hope Cottage, 11 a.m.
- Spanish with a Mission, 1205-G, 4 p.m.
- WSM: Study-N-Swim, Wilson home, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 27

- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 29

- Youth Camp-Load Out, Youth Center, 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 30

- Preschool Parents' Sunday School, 1350, 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, various locations, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Enneagram with Heather, 1205-G, noon
- WOW Pool Party, McComb residence, 2 p.m.
- New Member Fellowship, Home of Timothy Peoples and Valerie Lott, 6 p.m.