



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Preparing for worship

The first piece of Wilshire worship I ever watched was mid-pandemic. In June 2020, for an online service, a few folks played “Crowded Table” by The Highwomen. The clip got shared and shared again until it ended up on my Facebook feed. They sang of an open table, of support and encouragement and care. They sang of community. During a time when tables were sparse, and connection was few and far between, that song was a balm to the heart.

Five years later, though we are out of quarantine and have long since been back together, does it feel as though our communities are becoming more connected or disconnected? Five years later, how are our tables, and how are our hearts?

In worship today, we will hear a new song by our own R.G. Huff and Ralph Manuel, “Make More Room at the Table.” Take a moment and read the lyrics in the worship folder. What words or phrases stand out to you? What images come to mind? If you imagine yourself at a table,

where do you sit, and who is around the table with you?

This time of contemplation, as we prepare to worship with one another, let us turn our attention to this table the song reminds us of and that we are called to. The table, both as a place of community and a place for food, at the end of the day, is a place of sustenance. As we gather at the table — whether that is the table in our homes with friends and family or around the Lord’s table to share in communion — we are living out the abundant life of Christ. So often in the Gospels the kingdom of heaven is compared to a table or a banquet. We are made for and called to the fullness of the table.

This morning, we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper; we will pass the bread and the cup, and we will share in communion with one another. As we hear music of the table, may we feel the Spirit moving, adding chairs and expanding the table for shelter, for rest.

—Maggie Morey



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June 1, 2025
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

Ariel Merivil

Prelude

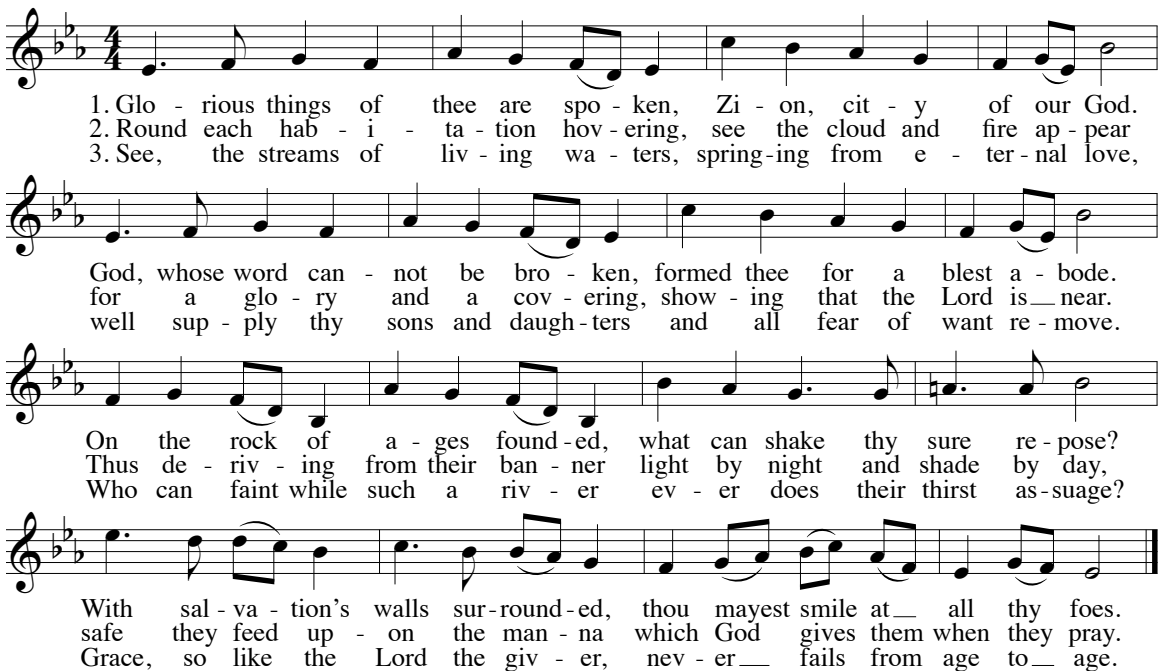
Air and Gavotte

Samuel Wesley

+Congregational Song

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN



1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er does their thirst as - suage?
With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

+All congregants are invited to stand in body or spirit.
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

+Call to Worship

Angela Brindle

One: Our God has ascended with a mighty shout —
The Lord goes up with trumpet sounds and blasts of joy!

**All: Christ is lifted high above all earthly powers,
Exalted in glory, reigning the world in love.**

One: So clap your hands, all you people!
For hate and fear do not have the final say.

**All: For we are God's beloved —
Fearfully and wonderfully made,
Welcomed and affirmed in our household of faith.**

One: This ascension day, we celebrate Christ's rising
And the rising of all who have been silenced,
All who have been told they do not belong.

**All: In Christ, every body is lifted.
Every story is sacred. Every color shines.**

One: Come, let us worship the One whose love knows no bounds.

All: Hallelujah!

+Response in Song

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**We, the many who are gathered, are united here as one.
In this joyful celebration, we recall what God has done.
Bread of heaven, wine of promise, feed us with your holy Word.
Lift your hearts and raise your voices, celebrate this wondrous love.**

Gospel Reading — John 17:20–26

Julie Girards

“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

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.**

Offertory

Make More Room at the Table
Sanctuary Choir

Ralph Manuel
Text: R.G. Huff

Make more room at the table.
Be sure all who come have a place.
Welcome each seeker with gladness,
Treat every person with grace.
That the church might be a comfort,
A shelter, a resting place
For those who are out of place elsewhere,
May this be their truly safe place.

Add more chairs to the table.
Be sure all the hungry are fed.
See that their hearts are not empty,
Share freely the wine and the bread.
Yes, introduce them to Jesus
Who sits at this table as head.
Allow them by faith to move forward
Wherever they find themselves led.

Widen the stakes of the tent site.
Give shelter to wanderers who come.
No soul deserves to feel hopeless,
Sharing their strife with no one.
Christ welcomes all to this family;
No one should ever be shunned.
More room at the table, chairs added,
A fitter church will have begun.

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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!

Message	“Being Bound”	Timothy Peoples
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Celebration of the Lord’s Supper		Timothy Peoples
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All followers of Christ are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper, whether you are a Wilshire member or not. The bread used this morning is gluten free.

Passing of the Bread	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i> Ralph Manuel, piano	arr. Jan Sanborn
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Passing of the Cup	<i>Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me</i>	arr. Jeffrey Brummel
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Passing of the Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

+Congregational Song

They'll Know We Are Christians
No. 272

ST. BRENDANS

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel



We're glad you're here. If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card. You can also scan the code to make a financial contribution or submit a prayer request. Response cards and offering envelopes are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or offering boxes.

Meet today's worship leaders

Angela Brindle first joined Wilshire in 2014 and rejoined in 2022 after living out of state for five years. Her daughter, Nicolette, just finished third grade at Mockingbird Elementary. Angela teaches third and fourth graders in Sunday School, is a member of Genesis Class and serves on the Children's Education and Library Committees. She works as the librarian at the upper campus of Dallas International School and recently earned a master's degree in library and information science.

Ralph Manuel and his wife, Donna, joined Wilshire in 2018. They are members of Cord of Three Class, and Ralph sings in Sanctuary Choir. A composer, former minister of music and missionary, Ralph serves as handbell coordinator at Wilshire and directs Carillon Ringers. He and Wilshire member R.G. Huff co-wrote today's Sanctuary Choir piece, "Make More Room at the Table."

Brad Russell and his wife, Kenda, joined Wilshire and the Epiphany Class in 2017. Brad is a deacon, teaches in a variety of adult Sunday School classes, sings in Nova and acts in Faith in 3D productions. With backgrounds in vocational ministry and marketing, he currently works as a market research consultant.

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Tapestry



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News & Announcements
June 1, 2025



Splash into summer today

Kick off the summer at Wilshire's Family Splash Day on Sunday, June 1, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Ridgewood Sprayground (6818 Fisher Road, Dallas, 75214). This is a great sprayground for toddlers and kids thanks to its multiple water features. There's also a covered pavilion with picnic tables and shaded seating. Bring or wear your swimsuit, and bring a towel and anything you'd like to eat or drink. This event is hosted by Wilshire's preschool and children's ministries but is open to all.

New members

- **Mu Lar Hso**
- **Judith Garrett**

Men's Clothing Drive for PEP

Wilshire is conducting a Men's Clothing Drive to benefit mission partner Prison Entrepreneurship Program. Gently used professional or business clothing can be brought to the collection tables in James Gallery and the South Atrium from today through Sunday, June 22. PEP (pep.org) seeks to reduce recidivism and increase economic opportunity for incarcerated individuals through entrepreneurship training and re-entry services.

Choir at Northridge Pres today

Wilshire's Sanctuary Choir will participate in a choral blessing service at nearby Northridge Presbyterian Church today, June 1, at 4:30 p.m. The Northridge and Wilshire choirs will also be joined by the choir from Lake Highlands United Methodist Church. All are welcome.

Wilshire returning to Dallas Pride

Wilshire will again host a booth at Dallas Pride on Saturday, June 14. The event includes music, art, food, exhibits and more. Stop by and see us between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Fair Park's Automobile Building.



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.

WILSHIRE WINDS

FROM MOUNTAINS TO MIDWAYS

Sunday, June 8 • 6:30 p.m.



Winds concert next Sunday

Wilshire Winds will present a concert of sacred and secular music on Sunday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Shana Gaines directs the volunteer group of brass, woodwind and percussion players. The concert's theme is *From Mountains to Midways*, which Shana describes as "a musical visit to the spirit and spectacle of turn of the century tent meetings." Music will include settings of American folk songs, popular songs and hymns; two circus marches; a medley of music from the film *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*; and more. An ice cream reception will follow in James Gallery.

Faith Commons presents Two Peoples, One Land



Two Peoples, One Land: What Americans Can Do to Promote Peace in Israel and Palestine will be the theme of a discussion presented by Faith Commons on Monday, June 9, at 7 p.m. in

Community Hall. The panelists will be Rania Batrice, the daughter of Palestinians and a voice for Palestinian self-determination; Nmir Ikram, a Plano doctor who has volunteered in Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023; and Rabbi Nancy Kasten of Faith Commons. Faith Commons, a nonprofit founded by Wilshire's Senior Pastor Emeritus George Mason, promotes public discourse rooted in the common values of many faiths. Tickets are free but registration is required. Find the registration link at wilshirebc.org/events/two-peoples-one-land.

BWIM presents Beth Allison Barr

Bestselling author Beth Allison Barr will discuss the state of women in the Southern Baptist Convention on Tuesday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Dallas. Baptist Women in Ministry is presenting the event, timed to coincide with the SBC's annual meeting in Dallas. According to BWIM Executive Director Meredith Stone, the event's goal is "for there to be a presence of affirmation for women's equality at, or at least near, the SBC annual meeting so that perhaps women, or even just one woman, might realize there are Baptists who see women's value and equality in a different way." Wilshire is sponsoring the BWIM event, and our members may attend for free. Register at bwim.info/wilshire.





Vacation Bible School

JUNE 9–13, 9 A.M.–NOON

Registration ends today

This year's VBS is a summer camp-themed adventure where kids learn to trust God no matter what life brings. For older preschoolers (age 3 by 9/1/24) through completed 5th graders. Free; space is limited. Advance registration ends June 1. Walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows. Scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/events/vbs.



Helpers needed

We've got a fun week planned, but it takes lots of volunteers. Ways to help include decorating, preparing materials, working with the kids and helping with registration.

■ You can also sign up at bit.ly/4jjWRqt to provide food for the volunteer break room or to serve as a break room host.

■ Sign up in the main office or email Minister to Children Julie Girards at jgirards@wilshirebc.org if you can help.

wilshirebc.org/events/vbs

Adventurers to Theater Center



The Wilshire Adventurers will take in Dallas Theater Center's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on Wednesday, June 25, at 2 p.m. Cost: \$18.

Space is limited and registration is required. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/dreamcoat or scan the QR code. Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 and above.

Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | June 5 | Noon
| 1205-L | *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** will visit the Arboretum on Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to noon. Their next regular meeting will be July 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor to discuss *Earthly Joys* by Philippa Gregory. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will discuss Timothy Egan's *A Fever in the Heartland* on Tuesday, June 17, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group meets the third Tuesday every month. Contact Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net).

Wilshire Welcome on June 15

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn about the church, will be offered Sunday, June 15, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel. No RSVP necessary. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)



CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL

VBS: CAMP FIRELIGHT

Mon.-Fri., June 9-13, 9 a.m.-noon

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL CAMP

Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 9 a.m.-noon

COOKING CAMP

Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sold out; waitlist available.

LISTEN TO YOUR ART!

Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 12:30-5 p.m.

FULL-DAY COOKING & ART

Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sold out; waitlist available.

PASSPORT KIDS! PRETEEN CAMP

Sun.-Wed., July 20-23



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WSM YOUTH CAMP

June 30–July 5 | wilshirebc.org/events/youth-camp-2025



"Youth camp is the BEST week of the year where you have opportunities to grow relationships with Christ as well as friends."

Parker Mosley, 12th grade



It's time to sign up for Wilshire Student Ministry's best week of the year. The group will again travel to Ferncliff Camp near Little Rock, Arkansas, which provides great lodging, meeting space and recreation — hiking, nature trails, a swimming pool, lake activities, disc golf, sand volleyball and more. Mix in great adult leaders and good friends and you have everything you need for a fun, meaningful week. We're excited to welcome back Jared Jagers as camp pastor. Jared is a former Wilshire pastoral resident and intern now serving on staff at the American International Church in London.

How much does it cost?

This year's cost of \$500 covers meals, lodging, activities, transportation and a fantastic T-shirt.

How does lodging work?

Youth will stay in cabins assigned by grade.

How are we getting there?

As usual, we'll travel by bus. The trip takes about 6.5 hours.

Are scholarships available?

Yes. We never want money concerns to keep any youth from attending youth camp. For more information, please contact Darren (ddement@wilshirebc.org).

Are guests welcome?

Absolutely! Camp is a great way to introduce someone to WSM.

How do I sign up?



Register and pay online. Get started by scanning the QR code or visiting wilshirebc.org/events/youth-camp-2025.

Is there a deadline?

We'd love to have everyone signed up and paid in full by June 25. The earlier you sign up, the easier it is for us to plan an awesome week.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Your gifts are changing lives inside and outside our walls. Here are some ways to make a financial contribution to Wilshire.

ONLINE. Set up a recurring or one-time gift charged to your debit or credit card or as an ACH from your checking account. Get started at wilshirebc.org/give.

REALM CONNECT APP. Easily make gifts and see past giving on your mobile device. Available at your device's app store. Find download links at wilshirebc.org/realml.

AUTOMATIC BANK PAY. Visit your bank's website and set up Wilshire as a payee. The bank will send the church a check.

MAIL. Send to Finance Director Lori Gooden's attention at Wilshire.

TEXT. Text WILSHIRE and a dollar amount (ex: WILSHIRE 50) to 73256.

DONATE STOCKS. Contact Lori to learn how to donate appreciated stocks.

FROM YOUR IRA. For those over 70.5 years old, tax-free IRA gifts offer a financial benefit and may reduce future tax burdens.



Scan code with your
smartphone camera
to make an electronic
contribution.

At Wilshire, we use a one-fund approach to giving called the Unified Budget. Your gifts support the basic mission, ministry and operations of the church. Once the Unified Budget is fulfilled, gifts overflow into visionary aspects of our mission.

This Week

Sunday, June 1

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Personnel Committee, 2202, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Preschool and Children's VBS Workers Meeting, 1205-G & 1205-L, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Family Splash Day, Ridgewood Park Sprayground, 4 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir at Northridge Presbyterian Choral Blessing Service, 4:30 p.m.
- WSM Summer Cookout, DeMent home, 5 p.m.

Monday, June 2

- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 3

- WSM: Tuesday Missions, Location TBA, 9 a.m.
- Stephen Ministry CE/Supervision, Prayer Room, 1205-G & 1205-L, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Preschool Clean Out, Preschool Hallway, 5 p.m.
- Risk Management Committee, 1205-G, 6:15 p.m.
- WSM: Study-n-Swim, Shepard home, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 5

- WOW Brown Bag Book Club, 1205-L, noon
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, June 6

- Friday Friends, 3103, 10 a.m.

Saturday, June 7

- Wilshire Winds Concert Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 9 a.m.
- WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club, Dallas Arboretum, 10 a.m.



WAYS TO SERVE THIS SUMMER

**Scan the QR code or visit
wilshirebc.org/serve for details
from our mission partners
& sign up to serve.**

