



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

November 9, 2025

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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

Jordann McMahan

Centering Silence

One: We breathe in the breath of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship

Jordann McMahan

One: Meet me, O Christ in this stillness of morning.

All: Move me, O Spirit, to quiet my heart.

One: Mend me, O God, from yesterday's harms.

All: From the discords of yesterday, resurrect my peace.

One: From the discouragement of yesterday, resurrect my hope.

All: From the weariness of yesterday, resurrect my strength.

One: From the doubts of yesterday, resurrect my faith.

All: From the wounds of yesterday, resurrect my love.

One: Let me enter this new day, aware of my need and awake to your grace.

All: Amen.

+Congregational Song

Speak, O Lord
No. 280

SPEAK, O LORD

Gospel Reading — Mark 2:1-12

Timothy Peoples

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier: to say to

the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” — he said to the paralytic — “I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home.” And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

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

Timothy Peoples

Prayer Practice — Examen

Georgia McKee

Awareness: Take a deep breath and feel God’s presence around you.

Gratitude: Call to mind those things and people for which you are grateful.

Review: When have you experienced love this week?

Forgiveness: Is there an opportunity that you missed sharing love with others

Closing: Invite the spirit of God to guide you towards love this week, to let go of anything you need to be free of this week, and for God to grant you the courage for this week’s challenges and strength to take loving action, and the ability to see God’s presence more clearly.

Music for Meditation

I Will Go
Ariel Merivil

Steve Green

Give me ears to hear your Spirit; give me feet to follow through.
Give me hands to touch the hurting, and the faith to follow you.

Give me grace to be a servant; give me mercy for the lost.
Give me passion for Your glory, give me passion for the cross.

And I will go where there are no easy roads, leave the comforts that I know.
I will go and let this journey be my home. I will go.

I’ll let go of my ambition, cut the roots that run too deep.
I will learn to give away, what I cannot really keep.

Help me see with eyes of faith; give me strength to run this race.

Sending

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Congregation

**All: God our maker,
We honor the sacred multitude that resides in you.
May the guardian in you protect us.
May the child in you delight in us.
May the friend in you challenge us.
May your ashes resurrect us.
May your sky shelter us.
May the mystery of you liberate us.
Provide abundance and healing in all forms to those who need it today.
And deliver us from shame, hatred, and the chains that bind us.
For you have made us, and we are still being made.**



We're glad you're here.

If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, 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 pews and can be given to any minister after the service.

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