



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**November 16, 2025**

*Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*

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9:00 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**

Amanda Hines

**Centering Silence**

One: We breathe in the breath of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Call to Worship**

Amanda Hines

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**

*It Is Well With My Soul*  
No. 573

VILLE DU HAVRE

**Gospel Reading — Mark 9:14–29**

Timothy Peoples

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them and some scribes arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak, and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid, and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to

destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, help us! Have compassion on us!” Jesus said to him, “If you are able! All things can be done for the one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out, “I believe; help my unbelief!” When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!” After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “This kind can come out only through prayer.”

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

Maggie Morey

**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:** Remember a time you experienced love this week.

**Forgiveness:** Recall if there was a time you missed sharing love with others and ask God for forgiveness.

**Closing:** Let go of anything you need to be free of and invite the Spirit of God to guide you towards love in the week to come.

## Music for Meditation

*Jesus Cast a Look on Me*  
Darren DeMent

Berridge/Jones

Jesus cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity.  
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside;  
Bid my will to thine submit, lay me humbly at thy feet.

Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled.  
Seeing only in thy light; walking only in thy might.

Leaning on thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest;  
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from his precious blood

In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give;  
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!

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.  
Amen.**



**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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*We acknowledge that this land where we gather once held the sacred voices of Indigenous peoples and bore the suffering of the enslaved.*

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