



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**February 8, 2026**  
*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

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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

Timothy Peoples

### Centering Silence

One: We breathe in the breath of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Call to Worship

Timothy Peoples

One: God of peace and love, bring to us a new awareness

**All: Of your kingdom at work in the world.**

One: Grant that we may see and understand

**All: The small and unassuming things,**

One: Which take patience and attention to notice:

**All: A seed,**

One: Yeast in bread,

**All: Treasure buried in a field,**

One: A net cast into water,

**All: A baby lying in a manger.**

One: We acknowledge that we mostly miss the signs when they are not flashy or earth-shaking,

**All: But that your kingdom is all around us.**

One: We acknowledge that Christ came to exhibit neither wealth nor political power,

**All: But self-sacrificing love, which the world had never seen and mostly overlooks.**

One: We acknowledge that the progress of the good work we do may be imperceptible to us,

**All: And that our success is in our obedience to you.**

One: We welcome your kingdom, in the world and in our hearts.

**All: We seek your kingdom, certain that we will find it.**

One: We anticipate your kingdom,

**All: Working toward peace,**

One: Providing for the poor,

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+All congregants are invited to stand in body or spirit.

**All: Healing the sick,**

One: Loving our enemies.

**All: We trust in your love to provide for us in our seeking.**

One: Whether your spirit comes to us as a wind or a whisper,

**All: May we know your presence and be useful to your kingdom work. Amen.**

**+Congregational Song**

*Just As I Am*

No. 500

Stanzas 1, 2, 5 and 6

WOODWORTH

**Scripture Reading — 1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

Maggie Morey

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by 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**

Maggie Morey

**Prayer Practice — Call to Confession**

Amanda Hines

**All: Holy and infinite God, we confess our need for you. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are lost and need your guidance. Hear our prayers, O Lord.**

**Music for Meditation**

*Double Cure*

Darren DeMent

Bill Mallonee

## Assurance of Forgiveness

One: We trust in God,

**All: Whose mercy knows no end.**

One: We trust in God,

**All: Whose love is healing all brokenness.**

One: We trust in God,

**All: Whose grace is sufficient for every need.**

## Sending

Maggie Morey

## Benediction

Maggie Morey

One: God our maker, we honor the sacred multitude that resides in you.

**All: May the guardian in you protect us. May the child in you delight in us.**

One: May the friend in you challenge us. May your ashes resurrect us.

**All: May your sky shelter us. May the mystery of you liberate us.**

One: 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.

**All: For you have made us, and we are still being made. Amen.**



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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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