



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**March 8, 2026**  
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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

Abbey Adcox

## Centering Silence

One: We breathe in the breath of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Call to Worship

Abbey Adcox

One: Here, at the outer limits of Lent,

**All: we are called to walk:**

One: to the paper-thin edges which cut us to the soul;

**All: to the workplaces which weary us;**

One: to the people who confuse us;

**All: to the faith which threatens us.**

One: Here, at the corner of Steadfast Love and Faithfulness, we are called to remember:

**All: when our unease is great and sorrow is in our midst**

One: When the unknown approaches ever faster,

**All: May we remember who and whose we are. Amen.**

## +Congregational Song

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
No. 400

PRECIOUS LORD

## Gospel Reading — John 4:5-29

Jordann McMahan

So Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his

sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”

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!**

<b>Message</b>	Jordann McMahan
<b>Prayer Practice</b> — Centering Prayer	Maggie Morey
<b>Musical Meditation</b>	<i>The Gift of Love</i> Ralph Manuel, piano arr. Kurt Kaiser
<b>Sending</b>	Jordann McMahan
<b>Benediction</b>	Jordann McMahan

**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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