



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

March 15, 2026
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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

Ariel Merivil

Centering Silence

One: We breathe in the breath of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship

Ariel Merivil

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

Lead Me, Guide Me
No. 403

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Scripture Reading — 1 Samuel 16:1–13

Amanda Hines

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come

with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Amanda Hines

Prayer Practice — Centering Prayer

Timothy Peoples

Music for Meditation

Be Thou My Vision
Molly Shepard

arr. Ariel Merivil

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

Sending

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Benediction

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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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