



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

April 12, 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

Amanda Hines

Centering Silence

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

Call to Worship

Amanda Hines

One: Beloveds, rejoice!

All: Systems of evil cannot overcome hope.

One: Forces of oppression cannot destroy love.

All: Alleluia! The Holy is alive within us!

One: Praise the God of New Life even amidst grief,

All: Praise the God of Possibility even when all seems lost,

One: Praise the God who is still at work in and among us.

All: The stone of despair has been rolled away.

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

+Congregational Song

Halle, Halle

HALLE, HALLE

Please join in singing three times as invited.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le lu jah. Hal le, hal - le, hal -

- le lu jah. hal - le, hal - le, hal - le

lu jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Abbey Adcox

Prayer Practice — A Joyful Noise

Jordann McMahan

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

This Joy That I Have

This joy that I have
The world didn't give it to me
This joy that I have
The world didn't give it to me

This joy that I have
The world didn't give it to me
The world didn't give it
The world can't take it away

Music for Meditation

The Goodness of God
Lacy Jones

Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson

Sending

Abbey Adcox

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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