



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

April 26, 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

Ariel Merivil

Centering Silence

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

Call to Worship

Ariel Merivil

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

They'll Know We Are Christians
No. 272

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Gospel Reading — Acts 2:42-47

Amanda Hines

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with

gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

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 — A Joyful Noise

Maggie Morey

This Joy That I Have

This joy (peace, love) that I have
The world didn't give it to me
This joy (peace, love) that I have
The world didn't give it to me

This joy (peace, love) 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

Here I Am, Lord
Amy Pottkotter

Dan Schute

Sending

Amanda Hines

Benediction

Amanda Hines

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.



We're glad you're here. If you'd like to learn more about what's happening at Wilshire, scan for the latest news and events.

Scheduling note: This 9 a.m. chapel service will continue weekly through Sunday, May 31. We'll then take a summer break before resuming on Sunday, August 16. We hope to see you at our 11 a.m. worship service during the hiatus.



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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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