



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**May 17, 2026**  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

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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

*He Is Exalted*  
No. 342

HE IS EXALTED

## Scripture Reading — John 17:1–11

Katie Murray

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth

by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

Katie Murray

### Prayer Practice — Body Prayer

Jordann McMahan

**Receive:** cupped hands together at waist level

**Allow:** hands above head with palms facing forward

**Accept:** cupped hands together placed over the heart

**Attend:** hands outstretched at the sides

### Music for Meditation

*I Love You, Lord*  
Ralph Manuel

arr. Kurt Kaiser

### Sending

Katie Murray

### Benediction

Katie Murray

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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