



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

August 16, 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

Timothy Peoples

Centering Silence

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

Call to Worship

Timothy Peoples

One: God of the prophets, call to us today

All: Call us into your ways of love, justice and righteousness

One: God of the poets, remind us again how much you love us

All: Sing to us your ways of love, justice and righteousness

One: God of the disciples, teach us how to follow you

All: Teach us your ways of love, justice and righteousness

One: God of all creation, help us to know your ways

**All: We gather to hear your call, to sing your praise, to teach each other,
to pray and worship as the Body of Christ**

+Congregational Song

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
No. 295

NETTLETON

Scripture Reading — Matthew 15:21–28

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Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent

only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

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

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Prayer Practice — Examen

Jordann McMahan

Awareness: Take a deep breath and feel God’s presence around you.

Appreciation: Call to mind those things and people for which you are grateful.

Review: Remember a time you experienced love this week.

Forgiveness: Recall if there was a time you missed sharing love with others and ask God for forgiveness.

Closing: Let go of anything you need to be free of and invite the Spirit of God to guide you towards love in the week to come.

Music for Meditation

Send Me
Ariel Merivil

B. Lake, J. Johnson, K. Jobe

Sending

Traveling Mercies
Billy Crockett/arr. Kurt Kaiser

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Go in peace, live in grace, trust in the arms that will hold you;



Go in peace, live in grace; Trust God’s love.

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.

Defining Our Purpose. In lieu of a sermon, today's 11 a.m. service will feature a discussion about why church matters.

Fall Kickoff Lunch. All are welcome today at noon in Community Hall.

Wednesday Night Live resumes. Join us Aug. 19 for Family Dinner and spiritual formation opportunities for all ages.

For more news and events, pick up the 11 a.m. worship folder or visit wilshirebc.org.



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