



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

August 23, 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

James Dolph

Centering Silence

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

Call to Worship

James Dolph

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

I Am Thine, O Lord
No. 504

I AM THINE

Scripture Reading — Exodus 1:6–21

Timothy Peoples

Then Joseph died, and all his brothers, and that whole generation. But the Israelites were fruitful and prolific; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them. Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the

tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

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

Timothy Peoples

Prayer Practice — Examen

Bryce Shelton

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

How Long Till Heaven Comes Down
Molly Shepard

Sandra McCracken

Sending

Traveling Mercies
Billy Crockett/arr. Kurt Kaiser

Timothy Peoples

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

Timothy Peoples

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.

Vespers this Wednesday. Join us on Aug. 26 as our pastoral residents lead a Vespers service at 6 p.m. in McIver Chapel.

CenterPeace help needed. Wilshire is among the sponsors for the 2026 CenterPeace conference, set for Oct. 15–17 at First United Methodist Church in Dallas, and volunteers are needed to help in a variety of ways. Contact Associate Pastor Heather Mustain (hmustain@wilshirebc.org) for more information.

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



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