



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

August 30, 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

Amanda Hines

Centering Silence

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

Call to Worship

Amanda Hines

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

The Servant Song
No. 289

GILLARD

Scripture Reading — Exodus 3:1–15

Timothy Peoples

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer!

Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

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

James Dolph

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

Worthy
Lacy Jones and Ariel Merivil

C. Brown, M. Brock, S. Furtick

Sending

Timothy Peoples

Traveling Mercies
Billy Crockett/arr. Kurt Kaiser



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.

New Wednesday series. Join us Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. for the start of a three-week study, *Praying With Our Feet: The Gospel and the March on Selma*. Family Dinner starts at 5 p.m.

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



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