



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

September 6, 2026

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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

Bryce Shelton

Centering Silence

We pause in silence to reflect and to be attentive to the Spirit of God.

One: We breathe in the breath of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship

Bryce Shelton

One: Gather us in,

All: the lost and the lonely,

One: the tired and aching

All: who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

One: Gather us in, the done and the doubting,

All: the wishing and wondering,

One: the puzzled and pondering

All: who long for the company found at your feast.

One: Gather us in, the bright and the bustling,

All: the stirrers and the shakers,

One: the kind laughter makers

All: who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

One: Gather us in, to meet, to eat, to be given a seat.

All: We are joined to the vine, we are offered new wine.

One: We have become like the least.

All: We are found at the feast. Gather us in!

Scripture Reading — Matthew 18:15–20

Jordann McMahan

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

Jordann McMahan

Communion

Timothy Peoples

All are welcome at the table.
Please note that the bread is gluten-free.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Music for Meditation

Do You Feel It Too?

J. Sinclair/ V. Charlow

Sending

Jordann McMahan

Traveling Mercies
Billy Crockett/arr. Kurt Kaiser



Benediction

Jordann McMahan

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.

Visioning Survey. Wilshire's Visioning Team wants to hear from you via a brief online survey. Find the link at wilshirebc.org/visioning.

Visioning Day. You are also invited to participate in a small group discussion next Sunday, Sept. 13. Sessions will be held in Community Hall at 9 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. See full details at wilshirebc.org/visioning.

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



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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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