



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

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

James Dolph

One: We come to this place with busy minds, with heavy eyes,
accustomed to the rush of the world.

All: Open our eyes, O God, to look beyond the surface.

One: We quiet our voice to encounter the Holy, seeking the divine in color, shape, and shadow.

All: Still our hearts, O God, to receive what you reveal.

One: As we soften our gaze, may our sight become our prayer.

All: Let us worship the God who sees us fully.

+Congregational Song

He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought
No. 68

HE LEADETH ME

Scripture Reading — Exodus 14:19–31

Amanda Hines

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went

into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Amanda Hines

Prayer Practice — Visio Divina

Jordann McMahan

Music for Meditation

Wide River to Cross

Buddy Miller

Michael Sheaffer, vocal and piano; Darren DeMent, guitar

Sending

Amanda Hines

Traveling Mercies
Billy Crockett/arr. Kurt Kaiser

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the lyrics: "Go in peace, live in grace, trust in the arms that will hold you;". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Go in peace, live in grace; Trust God's love." The notation includes quarter notes, eighth notes, and dotted notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

Benediction

Amanda Hines

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 hopes to hear from everyone via a brief online survey, which will close Sept. 20. Scan the QR code above or visit wilshirebc.org/visioning to find a link to the survey.

Visioning Day. The Visioning Team also invites you to participate in a small group discussion today, Sept. 13, at one of three times: 9 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Simply head to Community Hall at whichever time works for you.

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



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