



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026
9:00 a.m.
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Jordann McMahan

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

Jordann McMahan

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

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me
No. 236

ADORO TE DEVOTE

Scripture Reading — Exodus 16:2-15

Timothy Peoples

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring

in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because the LORD has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against the LORD — what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the LORD, for the LORD has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

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 — Visio Divina

Amanda Hines

Music for Meditation

It Is Well

C. Rademaker/J.L. Rademaker

Ariel Merivil and Molly Shepard

Sending

Timothy Peoples

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, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, with some beamed eighth notes and dotted rhythms. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.



Visioning Survey ends today. Today is the last day to complete the Visioning Team's online survey. Scan the QR code above or visit wilshirebc.org/visioning to find a link to the survey.

Songwriter Vespers: Dolly Parton. The music of Dolly Parton will be the focus of a special service on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 4:30 p.m. in Choral Hall. Our Songwriter Vespers series blends elements of a coffeehouse performance and a worship service, with music from a full band and singers led by Associate Pastor Darren DeMent.



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