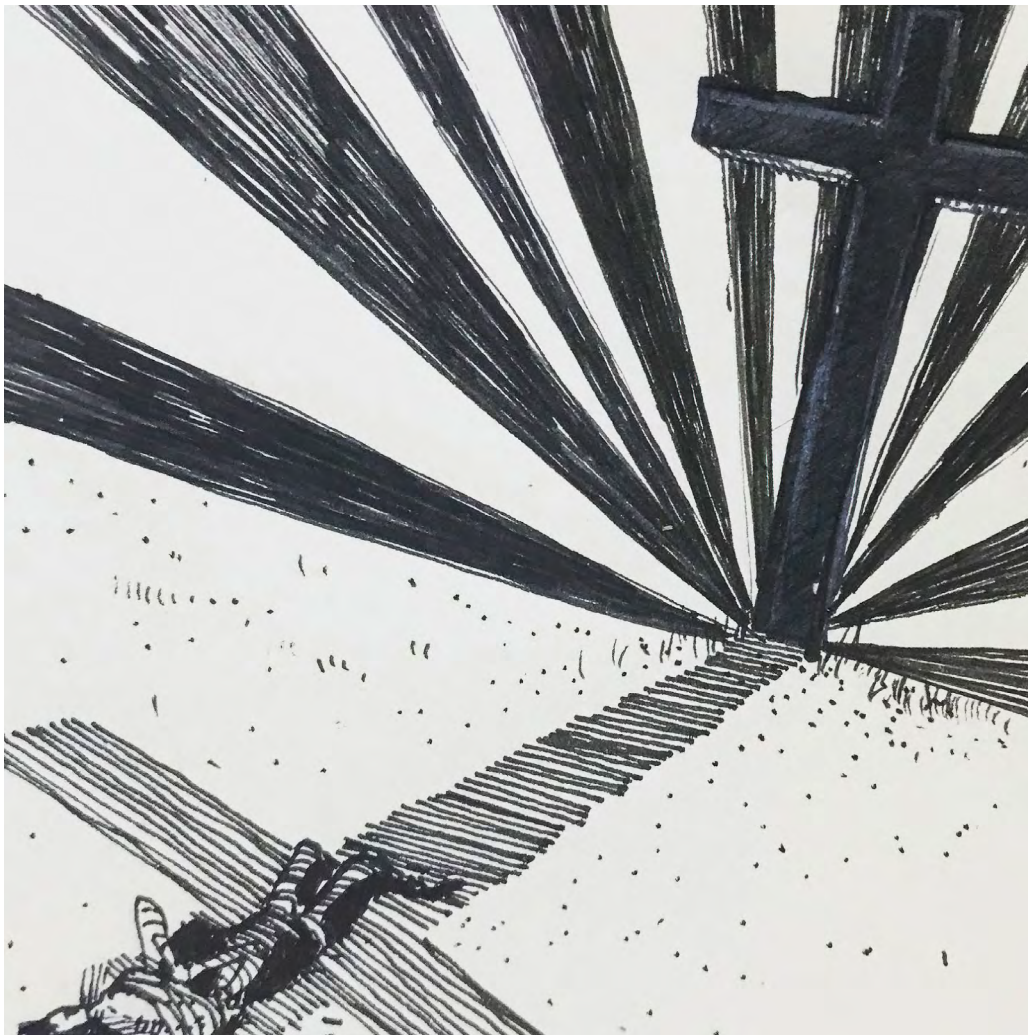




Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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

Amanda Hines

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

Amanda Hines

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

The Solid Rock
No. 590

SOLID ROCK

Scripture Reading — Philippians 2:1–13

Bryce Shelton

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

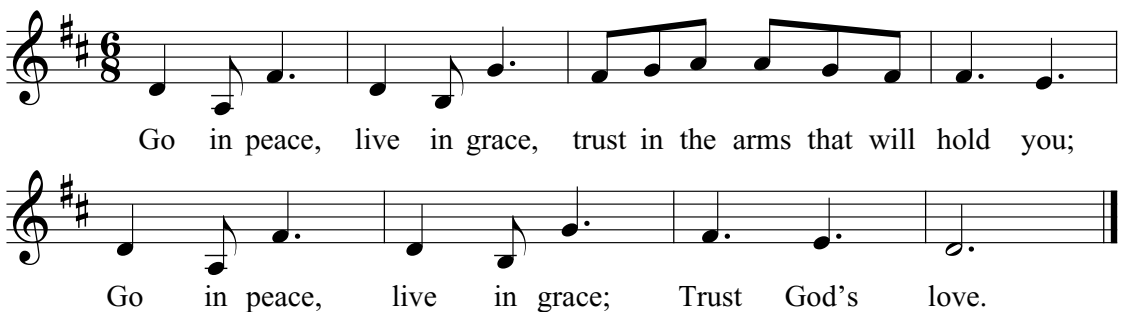
who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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		Bryce Shelton
Prayer Practice — Visio Divina		James Dolph
Music for Meditation	<i>God's Coloring Book</i> Darren DeMent	Dolly Parton
Sending	<i>Traveling Mercies</i> Billy Crockett/arr. Kurt Kaiser	Bryce Shelton



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

Bryce Shelton

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.

Songwriter Vespers: Dolly Parton is today. The music of Dolly Parton will be the focus of a special service today 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.

Blessing of the Animals next Sunday. Everyone is invited to bring their pets as our pastoral residents host a Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the south parking lot. The residents will offer a brief litany and prayer along with blessings for your family's animals. Those unable to bring their pet for any reason can participate by bringing a photo.



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