



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

October 4, 2026
World Communion Sunday

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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

Jordann McMahan

Centering Silence

One: We breathe in the breath of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship

Jordann McMahan

One: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely,

All: The tired and aching who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

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

All: The puzzled and pondering who long for the company found at your feast.

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

All: The kind laughter makers 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!

+Congregational Song

How Great Thou Art

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No. 323

Verses 1, 2 and 4

Scripture Reading — Matthew 22:15–22

James Dolph

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head

is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

James Dolph

Communion

Bryce Shelton

One: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you ...

All: In thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

One: We have not loved you with our whole heart;

All: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

One: We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

**All: For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we
may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

One: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**All: Strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give the Lord thanks and praise.

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

One: We have taken bread and wine into our bodies. Now may our hands be the hands of
Christ in the world,

All: May they do no violence.

One: May our eyes see those who are overlooked,

All: May our ears listen to those who are unheard,

One: May our voices be raised for the voiceless,

All: Lest our songs of praise be empty.

One: Christ has re-membered us, may we re-member him.

All: Amen.

Music for Meditation

Ring Them Bells
Virginia DeMent
Darren DeMent, octave mandolin

Bob Dylan

Sending

Traveling Mercies
Billy Crockett/arr. Kurt Kaiser

James Dolph



Benediction

James Dolph

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.



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