



trustee of God's gifts

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Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

One: We breathe in the breath of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship

James Dolph

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

Take My Life and Let It Be
No. 490

HENDON

Scripture Reading — 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

Timothy Peoples

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you

with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“God scatters abroad; God gives to the poor;
God’s righteousness endures forever.”

The God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that God has given you. Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

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

Communion Jordan McMahan

Music for Meditation *Mercy Now* Mary Gauthier
Molly Shepard and Amanda Mintz

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 song, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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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Author Kaitlin Curtice coming Oct. 21. Award-winning author and poet-storyteller Kaitlin Curtice will speak at Wilshire at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21. An enrolled citizen of the Potawatomi nation, Curtice writes on the intersections of spirituality and identity. Her books include *Living Resistance: An Indigenous Vision for Seeking Wholeness Every Day* and *Native: Identity, Belonging and Rediscovering God*.



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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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