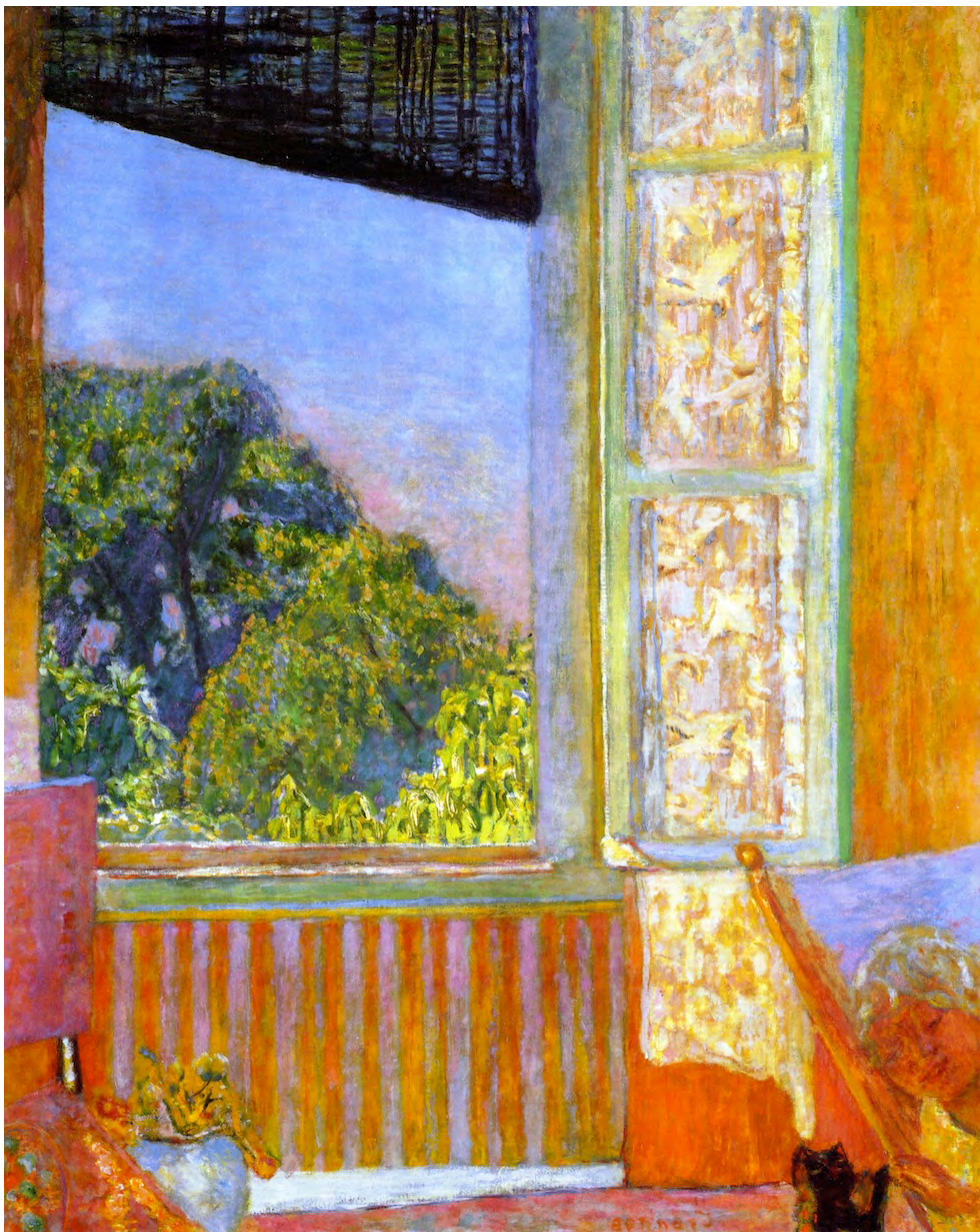




Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday

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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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
No. 295

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When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Amanda Hines

Music for Meditation

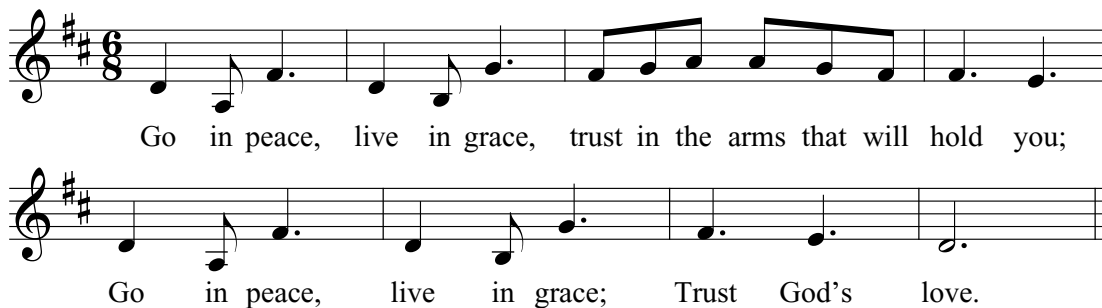
Because I Have Been Given Much
 Cindy Fuller

arr. Cindy Fuller

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.

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.

Vespers this Wednesday. Join us this Wednesday, Oct. 28, for a Vespers service led by our pastoral residents. The 6 p.m. service is part of Wednesday Night Live, which includes Family Dinner at 5 followed by faith formation opportunities for all ages.

Documentary Screening Thursday. Faith Commons is presenting a documentary screening and conversation at Wilshire on Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. *The Other* is an award-winning film about Israelis and Palestinians working together toward a more peaceful future. The post-screening talk will feature Natali Levin-Schwarz, an Israeli-born political theorist, and Jadd Hashem, a Palestinian-American peace activist. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/the-other.

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



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