

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**Welcome to Sunday Service**  
**September 08, 2024**  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Rev.: Jaime Torres**  
Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

**Liturgist: Carolyn Diaz**  
**Reader: Tom Somers**

**\*Gathering Hymn:** “ *Change My Heart Oh God* ”

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Welcome, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

**All: We have come to worship God, who is the maker of us all!**

Liturgist: What do you seek from God our creator?

**All: We seek God’s wisdom to guide us how to live.**

Liturgist: Are you ready to follow when God’s wisdom leads down unexpected paths?

**All: We will trust, and we will follow wherever God’s wisdom leads us.**

Liturgist: Well then beloved of God, what are you waiting for?

**All: Come! Let us worship and seek God’s uncommon wisdom together! Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**All:** Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, even Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Silent Prayers may be offered.***

**Liturgist:** Passing the Peace: May the peace of Christ be with you

**People: And, with you!** (Please be brief as you pass the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

**\*Children's Message**

*Susan Johnson*

**Liturgist: \*Prayer before the Offering**

Loving Creator, we dedicate these offerings with hearts guided by your wisdom and grace. As we gather on this September Sunday, may our gifts embody the teachings of Proverbs, spreading honor, kindness,

and justice to all. Use these offerings to uplift those in need, fostering hope and peace in our community. May we live out your wisdom in our actions and generosity. This we pray in Christ’s name. Amen. (Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23)

\*Offertory      Song / Music

Joy Asenas

**\*Prayers, Concerns and Celebrations of the week .....**

**Pastor:** The Lord’s Prayer

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*Preparation Hymn    “ Trust and Obey”      UMH # 467**

**\*Scripture Readings**

**Old Testament**-Carolyn Diaz    Proverbs 22 1-3, 8-9, 22-23

**New Testament** -Tom Somers    James 2 1-10, 14-17

**Message “Choosing How We Shall Live”**

Rev. Jaime Torres

**\*Hymn of Commitment    “ Wonderful Words of Life ”    UMH #600**

**\*Prayer for Going Forth Liturgist and People:** Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. In Jesus' name. Amen. (J. Wesley, England, 18<sup>th</sup> Century).

**Liturgist Announcements:** Food Share Sept 21; Coffee House meets at McDonalds Wednesday’s 11:00am; New Bible Study Disciple 1 beginning Monday Sept 16, 10 -12 A.M. through (ZOOM) contact Laura Shaw if interested; Pat Morris’s Memorial Service September 8 2.P.M.; Rev. Lupita A Redondo, Memorial of Ashes Sept 15 following Service; Movie Night 14th ; Date Night 27th.

**Blessings for the people**

Beloved, may God bless you today and all days with wisdom that guides you to notice the needs all around you and to share in the work of nurturing abundant life for all of God’s creation. Amen.

**\*Closing song**

May the God of Peace be with you, holding you in strong fingered hands, and may you be an instrument of God's peace, to those whose hands you hold, and may the blessings of peace, be with you, *be with you, be with you. (Means to stand as you are able: in body or in spirit.)*

**OUR APPRECIATION TO:**

Rev.  
Liturgist  
Reader  
Greeters  
Pianist  
Hand Bell Choir Director  
Adult Education Director  
Lay Leader  
Videographer  
Office Admin

Jaime Torres  
Carolyn Diaz  
Tom Somers  
You  
Joy Asena  
Marcia Heerema  
Laura Shaw  
Susan Johnson  
Eric Nelson  
Cristina Ramos

**Upcoming Events**

**Book Study**

The Screwtape Letters by C . S. Lewis  
Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 PM  
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

**Our Mission**

Bardsdale United Methodist Church is a loving, caring,  
Christ centered church,  
growing in relationship with God, ourselves, and all others.

**Our Vision**

With God's help we will  
Foster personal growth,  
Promote participation by all ages,  
Embrace new ideas, and  
Be more visible and engaged in our community.

**September Birthdays**

26<sup>th</sup> Ernestine Stansbury

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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This week, the lectionary text features three different couplets from proverbs 22, all of which point us toward how to engage wisdom-driven decision- making in our daily lives.

Bishop – Rev. Dr. *Dottie Escobedo-Frank*

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*