

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**Welcome to Sunday Service**  
**September 22, 2024**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Liturgist: Judy Hartshorn**  
**Reader: Carolyn Diaz**

**\*Gathering Hymn: "This is the Day"**

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Beloved, in a world that criticizes women who lead in the workplace and demeans women who stay home to tend their families, God's uncommon wisdom calls to us:

**All: Recognize the leadership of women!**

Liturgist: In a world where churches still deny and repress the gifts, graces, and callings of women ministry, God's uncommon wisdom calls to us:

**All: Nurture the leadership of women!**

Liturgist: In boardrooms, family meetings, town councils, pulpits, and church committees, women lead us with their voices, their actions, their wisdom, and their strength. And so, God's uncommon wisdom calls to us:

**All: Respect the leadership of Women!**

Liturgist: For too long, women who lead among us have been unnamed, underappreciated, and exploited as free labor. May we listen and act, then, as God's uncommon wisdom calls to us:

**All: Support the leadership of women! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession**

All: O God, we live our lives as best we can—dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. 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** God of Love and Mercy, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts, honoring your enduring guidance in our lives. Just as Wisdom works with willing hands and provides for those in need, may these gifts be used to nurture and uplift our community.

Inspire us to follow your teachings of kindness and generosity. Transform our contributions into acts of love and justice, spreading your light in the world. May we always give credit to your divine wisdom and grace. In your holy name, we pray. Amen. (Proverbs 31:10-31)

\*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**

"Here I Am Lord"

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**\*Scripture Readings**

Old Testament- Judy Hartshorn **Proverbs 31:10-31**

New Testament - Carolyn Diaz **James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

Message "In Praise of Women Who Lead"

Rev. Jaime Torres

**\*Hymn of Commitment**

"God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577

**\*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:** Coffee House meets at McDonalds Thursday's 10:00am; Date Night 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:30 P.M.; New Book Study Beginning Tues. Sept. 24, 1-3 P.M. **Out of Egypt** (a novel about the childhood of Jesus) through ZOOM facilitated by Laura Shaw. Contact Laura if interested.

**Blessings for the people (Pastor)**

Beloved, may God continue to bless us with women who lead us as we follow the path of God's uncommon wisdom. May we recognize, nurture, respect, and support God's call on their lives today and all days. 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  
Judy Hartshorn  
Carolyn Diaz  
You  
Joy Asena  
Marcia Heerema  
Laura Shaw  
Susan Johnson  
Eric Nelson  
Cristina Ramos

**Upcoming Events**

**Bible and Book Studies**

Disciple 1 Bible Study  
Monday's 10:00 – 12:00 Noon  
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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Over the years, Christians have done a good job of heaping historical and cultural baggage onto  
proverbs 31, which makes it hard to come to the text with a fresh perspective

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

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