

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**February 23, 2025**  
**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany , Year C**

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

**Liturgist: Laura Shaw**  
**Reader: Tom Somers**

**\*Gathering Hymn: “This is the Day”      “ He Has Made Me Glad ”**

**Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Jesus teaches us, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” But who are the others?

**All: Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.**

Liturgist: Jesus teaches us, “Be merciful as your Father is merciful.” But what is mercy?

**All: To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.**

Liturgist: Jesus teaches us, “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” But how do we forgive?

**All: By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.**

Liturgist: Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

**All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Confession All:**

**God, we are so conditioned to respond in kind. We are so worried that when the reckoning comes, we will find ourselves left with the short end of the stick. And not without reason. The powerful take and take and lie and lie and oppress and oppress, seemingly without consequence. Teach us to love with skill. Teach us to love with precision. Teach us to love with abandon, trusting that when we step into the ocean of your abundant love, we will receive the blessings of your abundant life. Amen.**

**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.)

**Liturgist: Prayer before the Offering**

Merciful God, who calls us to love beyond measure, we offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to your teachings. Help us love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and bless those who curse us. May our offerings bring healing and hope, reflecting your boundless grace in our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. ([Luke 6:27-38](#))

**Offertory**                      Song / Music                      Joy Asenas

**\*Doxology:**                      **UMH # 94**

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

**Pastor:** The Lord’s Prayer

**UMH # 895**

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**      “ Pass It On”      **UMH #572**

**Scripture Readings**

**Old Testament** – Genesis 45

**New Testament** – Luke 6:27-38

**Message**

“Do to Others”

*By Jaime Torres*

**\*Hymn of Commitment**      “ **Freely, Freely** ”      **UMH # 389**

**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:** Music Class: Mondays at One Step at 5:00 p.m.; Coffee House: Fridays at Starbucks at 11:00 a.m.; Pastoral Visits; Thursdays and Fridays – call to request; A new Lenten Study, “[The Six Miracles of Calvary](#)”, will begin Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm to 3:00pm on ZOOM. Laura Shaw will be facilitating. Everyone is welcome! Please call Laura if you have any questions.

**Blessings for the people (Pastor)**

Beloved, go from this place ready to *listen*. Listen for the opportunities to extend mercy. Notice the moments to forgive instead of condemn. Watch for the person who needs help without any strings attached. For the blessing of the Triune God goes with you, pouring out mercy and compassion on you so that you may share mercy and compassion with everyone you meet. 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.

**\*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit**

**OUR APPRECIATION TO:**

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

Jaime Torres  
Lura Shaw  
Tom Somers  
You  
Joy Asenas  
Marcia Heerema  
Laura Shaw  
Susan Johnson  
Eric Nelson  
Cristina Ramos

**Upcoming Events**

**Bible and Book Studies**

“Disciple 1”  
Monday’s 10:00 – 12:00 Noon  
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

“The Six Miracles of Calvary”  
Tuesday’s 1:00 – 3:00pm  
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.

**February Birthdays**

24<sup>th</sup> Edie Swetman

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**OPEN HEARTS \* OPEN MINDS \* OPEN DOORS**

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You might argue that listening is something we do well. We gather week by week and listen to Sermons, listen to the choir sing, and listen to the leaders guide us through the liturgy. But are we really listening?