

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**March 09, 2025**  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, Year C**

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

**Liturgist: Dan Michel**  
**Reader: Joanna Michel**

**\*Gathering Hymn: “Open the Eyes of My Heart” “For Your Name Is Holy”**

**Call to Worship**

Liturgist: On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

**All: God, rescue us in the wilderness!**

Liturgist: Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

**All: God, rescue us within the wilderness!**

Liturgist: Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

**All: God, rescue us through the wilderness!**

Liturgist: Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God’s faithful reply:

**All: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Confession All:**

Jesus, we confess that when we read about your temptations, we excuse ourselves. After all, we reason, we are not you. Of course, you passed the test, we say. You’re God, right? But we mere mortals have no expectation that we can withstand evil like you did. But we are reminded that you are not only Savior; you are example. You faced the temptation to prove yourself, to be spectacular, and to have consuming power. And you walked away, resisting. Forgive us when we have not resisted; when we have yielded to temptation. Forgive us for loving power and prestige more than God. Help us to choose a life rooted in God’s word and grace. 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**

Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. In this period of spiritual renewal, strengthen us to resist temptation and guide us to live in community with love and grace. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith and transformation. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

**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 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah ” UMH #127**

**Scripture Readings**

**Old Testament** – Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

**New Testament** – Luke 4:1-13

**Message**

“Rescue Me” *By Jaime Torres*

**\*Hymn of Commitment “God Will Take Care Of You ” UMH #130**

**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; Food Share Saturday March 15th

**Blessings for the people (Pastor)**

Beloved, you—*you*—who live in the shelter of the Highest and abide in the shadow of the Almighty—will find in God your refuge and fortress. Go now, in the blessing of the Triune God who shelters you and rescues you, that we all might be a shelter and a rescue for and with one another. 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  
Dan Michel  
Joanna Michel  
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.

**March Birthdays**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sean Gentry  
16<sup>th</sup> Rose Ondersma  
20<sup>th</sup> Nancy Coker  
26<sup>TH</sup> Dani Steiger

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

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As we worship today, let us celebrate the Christ who knows us and our journey because he has walked this same lonesome valley.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*