

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**March 16, 2025**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR C**

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

**Liturgist: Martha Gentry**  
**Reader: Tom Somers**

**\*Gathering Hymn: “I Love You Lord” “He Has Made Me Glad”**

**Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

**All: God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?**

Liturgist: When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

**All: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?**

Liturgist: When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

**All: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

Liturgist: Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

**All: Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.**

**\*Prayer of Confession All:**

We live in the shadow of peace, O God, but too often, we face the shadow and not the light. We pray for peace today because we know we are not a whole people without it. Forgive us our warring madness, our abuse of power, and our disregard of the rights of others. Lift from us the burden of the need always to be in control. Teach us the ways of mutual love for all people. Help us to give peace a chance. 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**

Loving God, our shelter and hope, as we walk through this holy season, we come to you with hearts open to your grace. In our giving, may we reflect the love that sustains us, and may we lift one another up in times of need and vulnerability. Use these offerings to bring comfort to the weary and hope to the brokenhearted, just as you draw near to us in our struggles. Strengthen us to be a source of light and love in this world, reflecting your compassion in all we do. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen. ([Luke 13:31-35](#))

**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 “Lead On, O King Eternal” UMH #580**

**Scripture Readings**

**Old Testament – Psalm 27**

**New Testament – Luke 13:13-35**

**Message**

“Conceal Me” *By Pastor Jaime Torres*

**\*Hymn of Commitment “Stand up, Stand Up for Jesus” UMH #514**

**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 29<sup>th</sup>; March Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Meeting 3pm.

**Blessings for the people (Pastor)**

Go, now, in the blessing of God who conceals you in the tent of God’s love, that you may invite others to come home to God who is Love. 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  
Martha Gentry  
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.

**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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Let worship give space for being this week. Sometimes that is silence.  
Sometimes that is prayer. Sometimes that is a song. Wherever you make the space for sanctuary,  
for protection, for a plea to God to come and help keep our heads above water. That’s our need this  
week.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*