SUNDAY WORSHIP March 30, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR C

Pastor: Jaime TorresLiturgist: Tom SomersRinging of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AMReader: Judi Hartshorn

*Gathering Hymn: "Shine Jesus, Shine" "Hear my cry o Lord"

Call to Worship

Liturgist: When we struggle to live as you teach us, and we fail to answer your call...

All: God, your steadfast loves surrounds us.

Liturgist: When the truth clogs up in our throat, and we fear what will happen if we speak and if we keep silent...

All: God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

Liturgist: When we open our hearts and let the truth of our sorrows, our sin, our joys, and our doubts flow freely...

All: God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

Liturgist: When our stubborn hearts encounter the grace that teaches and guides us into a life of trust and joyful obedience...

All: God, your steadfast love surrounds us today and every day. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Prayer of Confession All:

God, we admit that we are prone to try to hide our sins; to keep our mouths shut and hope we are not found out. But there is no place to hide from you. Our silence only makes us sick in body and spirit. But you delight in forgiving us and in covering our sin. You are glad when we confess our failings and our needs. Hide us, O God, from trouble; teach us the way we should go. Deliver us from our own stubbornness, and draw us near, we pray. 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

Gracious God, our refuge and restorer, we bring these gifts as a sign of our return to you. Like the prodigal, we long to feel your embrace and live in the light of your grace. As we observe this holy time of Lent, may our offerings reflect hearts that are turning back to you. Clear the clogs in our lives that separate us from you and one another and help us see the rainbow of your promise even in our struggles. Bless these gifts and our lives so that we may share your steadfast love with the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32)

Offertory Song / Music Joy Asenas

*Doxology: UMH # 94

<u>Prayers, Concerns and Celebrations of the week</u>

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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384

Scripture Readings Old Testament – Psalm 32

New Testament – Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

Message "Steadfast Love" By Pastor Jaime Torres

*Hymn of Commitment "Amazing Grace" UMH #378

<u>Prayer for Going Forth Liturgist and People</u>: 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, 18th 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 Fridays – call to request; Sedar dinner April 17th, 5pm; Good Friday service April 18th, 7pm; Palm Sunday April 13th; Place your Lilys order; Next Sunday will have Communion.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

May God's grace go ahead of you, trail behind you, and encircle you each and every moment, that with every move you make you would know with absolute assurance that God's steadfast love will never leave you alone. 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
Tom Somers
Judi Hartshorn
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

2nd Sean Gentry 16th Rose Ondersma 20th Nancy Coker 26TH Dani Steiger

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March 30, 2025

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Worship is catching our breath in the busyness of living. It is that moment when we pause and reflect and remember who we are and whose we are. We need selah moments in our lives daily.

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

North District DS – Rev. Garth Gilliam