

SUNDAY WORSHIP
April 13, 2025
PALM PASSION SUNDAY, YEAR C

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

Liturgist: Martha Gentry
Reader: Susan Johnson

***Gathering Hymn:** *“Come Now Is the Time to Worship” “Hosanna, Hosanna”*

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

All: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!

Liturgist: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

All: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!

Liturgist: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

All: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!

Liturgist: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God’s faithfulness to save.

All: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!

***Prayer of Confession All:**

Merciful God, With the psalmist, we declare, “Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them!” But we forget that only by your grace can we be righteous. With the crowds, we proclaim, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” But we neglect to follow you when you show us the ways to make peace on earth as it is in heaven. With the Pharisees, we notice our siblings doing their best to follow you and command, “Order them to stop!” But we refuse to listen to your command to love our neighbors as you love us. Forgive us, merciful God, and free us to follow Jesus down the road into Jerusalem, confronting the death-dealing powers of this world with the truth of your peace and steadfast love. 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, source of all joy, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude. As Mary poured out her love for Jesus with costly perfume, so we pour out our gifts before you, seeking to honor you with all that we have. During this reflective Lenten period, may our offerings remind us of the abundance you’ve poured into our lives. Help us to give extravagantly, not out of duty, but from hearts filled with

joy and gratitude. Bless these gifts and use them to bring your hope to the world. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen. ([Psalm 126, John 12:1-8](#))

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 “ Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ” UMH #278**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

New Testament – Luke 19:28-40

Message

“Open the Gates” *By Pastor Jaime Torres*

***Hymn of Commitment “ All Glory, Laud and Honor” UMH # 280**

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, 18th Century).

Liturgist Announcements: Men’s Gathering-IHOP April 26TH, 10:00 a.m.; Coffee House: Fridays at Starbucks at 11:00 a.m.; Pastoral Visits Fridays – call to request; Seder dinner April 17th, 5pm; Good Friday service April 18th, 7pm; Palm Sunday April 13th;

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

Friends, go forth humbly to serve the God whose love endures forever. Go forth in the name of the Christ who entered Jerusalem on a lowly donkey. Go forth in the strength of the Holy Spirit that calls us to rejoice in this very day God has made. God’s love endures forever. **God’s love endures forever. 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
Susan Johnson
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.

April Birthdays

6th Bob Morris
12th Roberta Palmer

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This day is surely the most paradoxical of any on the liturgical calendar. Is that a controversial statement? Perhaps, but it seems true.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*