

SUNDAY WORSHIP
April 20, 2025
EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR C

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

Liturgist: Dan Michel
Reader: Joanna Michel

***Gathering Hymn: “Here I am to Worship” “ Shine, Jesus Shine”**

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Beloved, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Liturgist: Our Savior is risen!

All: Our Savior is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Liturgist: Steadfast Love is risen!

All: Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Liturgist: This is the day that God has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Confession All:**

Liturgist: Christ, we come to the empty tomb, we see our own death, we see our own tomb, we see our own emptiness. And we remember how we have treated other people-members of our family, friends, and neighbors.

All: Lord, we come to your tomb, we see a hungry world before us, the pain of starving children, the guilt of war in our hands, and we know that collectively we share in those injustices.

Liturgist: Lord, we come to the empty tomb, we search within ourselves, and we cannot escape what we are, people caught up in the pain of our own wrongdoing, for some, a deep sense of loneliness and a frustration of what we would be but are not.

All: Lord, when we come to the empty tomb, we lay before you our pain, our emptiness and look to you for hope.

Liturgist: People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead in an empty tomb? Are you afraid, are you uncertain, and are you uncomfortable here?

All: Our wounds are deep, we have turned away from that man, we have broken with him and seek his fellowship.

Liturgist: Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change us all and bind us together now. Christ has risen to forgive us.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. In this period of spiritual renewal,

may our giving reflect the joy of the empty tomb and the promise of life everlasting. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ’s light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. Amen.

([Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, John 20:1-18](#))

Offertory Song / Music

***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 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today ” UMH #302**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

New Testament – John 20:1-18

Message

“Steadfast Love: A New Cut” *By Pastor Jaime Torres*

***Hymn of Commitment “Because He Lives ” UMH # 364**

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; A new book study begins April 22nd “Embracing the Uncertain” by Magrey Devega facilitated by Laura Shaw through ZOOM.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

May God’s abiding love and hope give us new life. May God’s unmerited grace and mercy keep us hope-filled. And may God’s restorative justice bring to us all, perfect peace. For Steadfast Love is risen! **Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Hallelujah! 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

“Embracing the Uncertain”
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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It is Easter; let there be light! Let there be color and music and joy. In everything, let there be joy as we worship this day.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*