

**FRIDAY WORSHIP**  
**April 18, 2025**  
**GOOD FRIDAY, YEAR C**

**Pastor: Jaime Torres**

Ringling of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

**Liturgist: Laura Shaw**

**Call to Worship**

Liturgist: On this Holy Friday, we follow Jesus through a sham trial and up the hill to Golgotha, all the while questioning:

**All: My God, my God, where are you?**

Liturgist: We follow the women who held vigil at the foot of the cross, all the while despairing:

**All: My God, my God, where are you?**

Liturgist: We come near to Jesus as soldiers mock him, all the while crying out:

**All: My God, my God, where are you?**

Liturgist: We sit in grief and dismay, once again confronted with the horrible reality of sin and evil in our world that people just like us would crucify Love Incarnate. And all the while, God sits with us, saying:

**All: My child, my child, I am here.**

Liturgist: Come, let us worship God who, even on this day, is never far from us.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Confession All:**

Ever-present God, on this Good Friday night, our whole world is engulfed in shadows as we remember the story of Jesus' death. We confess that we want to push the fast-forward button on this familiar story because it hurts so much. It hurts to think of the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. It hurts to imagine Jesus abandoned and suffering on the cross with only a faithful few watching him breathe his last breath. It hurts to watch your light overtaken by the shadows of the world. But we must find our place in this crucifixion story and feel the pain that is there: The pain of the world, of faithless decisions; of betrayal; of injustice. Jesus entered that pain out of faithfulness to you and to us, to witness to the Truth that is Justice, Wholeness, and Love. We confess, we are afraid to enter this pain with Jesus. Strengthen us with your courage; offer glimpses of hope in the shadows of death; let us know you are present with us here in this moment of pain; now as always.

**\*Assurance of Pardon** Beloved followers of Jesus, it is ok to feel hurt and uncomfortable as you enter into this story and imagine you place in it. Know that God meets you in the story, with forgiveness as well as conviction; With comfort as well as challenge; with courage as well as love. Amen.

**First Word** (Carolyn Diaz)

**"Father, Forgive Them, for they do not know what they do."**

(Luke 23:34)

**Hymn:** "Sanctuary"

**Second Word** (Judi Hartshorn)

**"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."**

(Luke 23:43)

**Hymn:** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" UMH #295

**Third Word** (Dan Michel)

***"When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!"***

(John 19:26-27)

**Hymn:** "When I Survey THE Wondrous Cross" UMH #298

**Fourth Word** (Joanna Michel)

**"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

**(Matthew 27:46)**

**Hymn:** "Jesus keep me near the cross" UMH #301

**Fifth Word** (Susan Johnson)

**"After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), I Thirst."**

**(John 19:28)**

**Hymn:** "The Old Rugged Cross" UMH #504

**Sixth Word** (Tom Somers)

**"When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, 'It is finished,' and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."**

**(John 19:30)**

**Hymn:** "For Your Name Is Holy"

**Seventh Word** (Jaime Torres)

**"Father! Into your hands, I commit my spirit"**

**(Luke 23:46)**

**BENEDICTION**

As the echoes of "It is finished" still ring in our hearts, go now in the assurance that God's steadfast love never fails, this day and every day. Amen.

**OUR APPRECIATION TO:**

Pastor  
Liturgist  
Greeters  
Pianist  
Hand Bell Choir Director  
Adult Education Director  
Lay Leader  
Videographer  
Office Admin

Jaime Torres  
Laura Shaw  
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**

6<sup>th</sup> Bob Morris  
12<sup>th</sup> Roberta Palmer

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Worship this day is about standing in silence at the foot of the cross. Too many words get in the way of the weight, the meaning, the moment of this day.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*