SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 10, 2025

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, YEAR C

Please silence your cell phones.

Rev.: Jaime Torres

Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Carolyn Diaz

Reader: Judi Hartshorn

*Gathering Hymn: "Come Now Is the Time to Worship" "Shine Jesus Shine"

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God's salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.

All: By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.

Liturgist: By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God's love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.

All: By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.

Liturgist: By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God's desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.

All: By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.

Liturgist: By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a better country.

All: By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a better country as we build God's already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession All:

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Jesus Christ, God of our mothers and fathers, you are a God who acts in history. Yet we confess that we are too busy with our own lives to perceive you at work in our time. We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world, as if you had no care for us. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth; in the name of Jesus Christ, 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.)

*Children's Message Marcia Heerema

Liturgist: Prayer before the Offering

Offertory Song / Music Joy Asenas

Faithful and Gracious God, you have called us to be a people of hope, to trust in what we cannot see. As we bring these gifts before you, we offer not only our resources but also our faith -- faith that you are at work in our giving, building a future of justice, mercy, and love. Bless these offerings, that they may be signs of our longing for your kingdom and our trust in your promises.

May our generosity inspire others to live with courage and conviction, seeking that better country you have prepared for us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen. (Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)

*Doxology: UMH # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 "Faith of Our Fathers" UMH # 710

Scripture Readings Old Testament Psalm 33:12-20

New Testament Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Message "Desire A Better Country" By Rev. Jaime Torres

*Hymn of Commitment "My Hope Is Built" UMH # 368

<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: Pastor will attend Clergy (August 12-14) at Indian Wells; Continued prayers for Laura Shaw.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

Children of God, by faith, God has brought us this far. Go now in the blessing of the God who goes before you and behind you, surrounding you on all sides with grace as we journey toward a better country in our neighborhood, our community, and beyond. 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:

Rev.
Liturgist
Reader
Greeters
Pianist
Children's Sermon
Adult Education Director
Lay Leader
Videographer
Office Admin

Jaime Torres
Carolyn Diaz
Judi Hartshorn
You
Joy Asenas
Marcia Heerema
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Mendez

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

"Disciple 2"

Beginning September 8th Monday's 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

"Embracing the Uncertain"
Beginning Tuesday September 9th
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.

August Birthdays

19th Jaime Torres

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As we enter this third part of the "Dear children of God" series, I encourage you not to loose the verve and vitality that flows between the lines in the letter to the Hebrews.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*