

SUNDAY WORSHIP
August 31, 2025
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, YEAR C
Please silence your cell phones.

Rev.: Jaime Torres

Ringling of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Susan Johnson

Reader: Ernestine Stansbery

***Gathering Hymn: “Come now is the time to worship” “Here I am to worship”**

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:

All: Let mutual love continue.

Liturgist: When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:

All: Let mutual love continue.

Liturgist: When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:

All: Let mutual love continue.

Liturgist: As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

All: We choose to cooperate with God’s love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.

***Prayer of Confession All:**

Knowing that our God journeys with us in our confusion, our doubts, our failings, our struggles, we now come humbly before God to ask for mercy. For the times we fail to offer hospitality to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray: **God, have mercy on us and your people** For the times we lack courage to address the causes of injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray to our God: **God, have mercy on us and on your people.** For the times we give in to despair and resignation when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray to our God: **God, have mercy on us and on your people.** For the times we allow our fears to triumph over the call to solidarity, we pray to our God: **God, have mercy on us and on your people. Merciful God, receive our petitions. Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness, and fear. Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people. Support us as we seek to respond in mutual love and hospitality. 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**

Susan Johnson

Liturgist: Prayer before the Offering

Faithful and Unchanging God, in a world that shifts and sways, you remain our firm foundation. You have called us into a life of mutual love, teaching us to serve, to welcome, and to give with generous hearts. Bless these gifts we offer today, that they may extend your love to those who are hungry, who seek justice, and who long for hope. Shape us into a people whose generosity reflects your own, that through our giving, we may proclaim your unshakable kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our constant and faithful guide. Amen. ([Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16](#))

Offertory

Song / Music

Joy Asenas

***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**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name ” UMH # 154 verses 1,2,4, &6

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 112

New Testament Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

Message

“Let Mutual Love Continue”

By Rev. Jaime Torres

***Hymn of Commitment** “ **Blest Be the Tie That Binds** ” **UMH # 557**

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: Music class will resume Sept 8th: “Disciple 2” begins Monday sept 8th; “Embracing the Uncertain” Begins Tuesday September 9th Laura Shaw facilitating.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

Children of God, go from this place in the blessing of the Triune God, our Helper and our Friend, offering your sacrifice of praise and sharing what you have as you spread the love of God in mutuality and care to the ends of the earth and back again. 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
Susan Johnson
Ernestine Stansbery
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.

September Birthdays

26th Ernestine Stansbery

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We encourage you to approach worship planning with honesty about what it means to be a community of mutual love.

Bishop – Rev. Dr. *Dottie Escobedo-Frank* North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*