

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**September 14, 2025**  
**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, YEAR C**  
*Please silence your cell phones.*

**Rev.: Jaime Torres**

Ringling of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

**Liturgist: Martha Gentry**

**Reader: Heather Nielsen**

**\*Gathering Hymn: “*This is the Day*” “*Give Thanks*”**

**Call to Worship**

Liturgist: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

**All: God is our hope and our refuge.**

Liturgist: We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

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Liturgist: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

**All: God is our hope and our refuge.**

Liturgist: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

**All: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.**

**\*Prayer of Confession All:**

O Most Patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself. But how often have we behaved as if we did not know or even care about you? How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice? How often have we tried to dominate others, even as you stand with them? How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth, and its waters? Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way. All Loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek. Shower your mercy upon us. Find us and lead us safely home to faithfulness.

**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**

Steadfast and sheltering God, you are our refuge in every age, our hope when foolishness abounds and justice seems far off. Even when the world disappoints, you call us to faithfulness, to community, to generosity that reflects your own heart. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust in you and our desire to live differently, to live redemptively, and to live hopefully. Use them—and us—for the good that ripples outward, for the healing of hearts and the strengthening of your people. We give not because all is well but because you are good. Amen.

**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 “Amazing Grace ” UMH # 378**

**Scripture Readings**

**Old Testament Psalm 14**

**New Testament Luke 15: 1-10**

**Message**

**“Our Hope is in the Lord”**

*By Rev. Jaime Torres*

**\*Hymn of Commitment “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling ” UMH # 348**

**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, 18<sup>th</sup> Century).

**Liturgist Announcements:** Music class Monday's 5:00 p.m.; Game Night September 18<sup>th</sup> 6-8 p.m. SPRC meeting 18<sup>th</sup> ZOOM 10:30 am

**Blessings for the people (Pastor)**

May God bless you with the clarity to recognize the world as it is, the hope to dream God's dream together, and the power to make God's dream a reality here and now. 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  
Martha Gentry  
Heather Nielsen  
You  
Joy Asenas  
Susan Johnson  
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**

26<sup>th</sup> Ernestine Stansbery

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**OPEN HEARTS \* OPEN MINDS \* OPEN DOORS**

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We find and keep hope when we name all that is hard in our world, take a breath, and then remember, but God.

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