

SUNDAY WORSHIP
November 16, 2025
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, YEAR C
Please silence your cell phones.
WELCOME

Ringling of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM
Rev: Jaime Torres

Liturgist: Martha Gentry
Reader: Heather Nielsen

Gathering Hymns “Hosana, Hosana” “Change My Heart Oh God”

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ,

Women: For the Lord our God is doing a new thing!

Men: The old order is gone,

All: everything is new!

Liturgist: Illness, disease and crying and mourning,

Women: shall be as a distant memory!

Men: Hatred and war shall cease from the earth,

All: For Christ has risen! Death is defeated! Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Hallelujah! Amen.

All: Prayer of Confession

O God, we are more like the vision in Luke than the vision of Isaiah. We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, yet despair of ever stopping them. We see oppression and injustice and persecution but fail to raise our voices in prophetic protest. We have become a pessimistic people. Help us believe—really believe—in Isaiah’s vision of the peaceable kin-dom, in your promise of a new heaven and new earth. Let your cry be our cry: “They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.” 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

Restoring God, Maker of new heavens and a new earth, where sorrow is lifted, and joy takes root. As we bring our gifts this day, may they be seeds of your promised future—an offering of hope, justice, and mercy in a weary world. Use what we give and who we are to proclaim a kin-dom where none are forgotten, where the wolf and lamb lie down in peace, and where the sound of weeping is no more. Let this act of giving remind us that your dream is still unfolding—and that we are called to help build it. In Christ’s name, who is our joy. Amen. ([Isaiah 65:17-25](#))

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 “O For a Thousand Tongues” **UMH # 57**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Isaiah 65: 17-25

New Testament Luke 21:5-19

Message “Rejoice Forever in Creation”

Rev. Jaime Torres

Hymn of Commitment “How Firm a Foundation” **UMH # 529**

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: Guitar lessons Mondays 5 p.m.; Coffee house Fridays 11:30 a.m.: Game Night Thurs Nov 20th; Charge conference will be Tues Nov 25th 6:30 p.m. ZOOM; Governing Board meeting November 19th 3:00 p.m.; Pastoral Evangelism Thursday’s; GriefShare Seminar Sunday 16th 1:00p.m.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

Go forth into a world that needs new visions. Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. Live the dream. Make it reality. Celebrate endings and new beginnings, challenges and promises. Live the new creation. 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

"Voices of Advent"

Beginning Tuesday October 4th
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.

November Birthdays

1st Gary Bergthold
22nd Tom Somers

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There are so many directions the worship team could take the theme for this week. "Rejoice Forever in Creation" elicits a host of natural images and creation-based words and invitations, so this Sunday could be a mini "Earth Day" at the end of the year.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*