

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**March 01, 2026**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A**

Ring of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM  
**Rev: Jaime Torres**

**Liturgist: Dan Michel**  
**Reader: Joanna Michel**

**Gathering Hymns** “Lord I Lift your name on High” “ Worthy is the Lamb”

**Call to Worship**

L:Children of God, in Lent we remember that our salvation is an unearned gift, that new life is a matter of faith, not of works. We gather to lay down the burden of trying to earn our salvation.

**P:Like Nicodemus, who met Jesus in the dark of night, we struggle to accept that new life is not just possible but given as a gift of grace. We gather to bring our struggles into the light and embrace God’s grace with open arms.**

L: Like Paul writing to the Romans, we remember God’s promise of new life has always rested on grace. We gather to receive the promise of salvation by grace through faith.

**ALL: Like the many who have followed, questioned, and grown in faith, we submit ourselves to be formed by grace as we work out our salvation day by day. We gather as people guided by the promise of new life, a promise fulfilled by Christ, whose path we follow.**

**All: Prayer of Confession**

We live fractured lives, and God seeks not to punish us for those faults and fault lines, but to reconcile and restore us. Trusting in God’s grace and mercy, let us then make our confession together, first in silent prayer. *Unison Prayer* Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have neglected the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don’t know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and embrace your call in Christ. 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 God of New Beginnings, you call us—as you called Abraham—to trust in what we cannot yet see, to follow where you lead, even when the road is unclear. In the shadows of our questions and the uncertainty of our understanding, you meet us with grace, not condemnation. As Nicodemus discovered, your love is not earned but freely given. Receive now these gifts we offer—not as payment or proof, but as signs of our belief, our hope, and our gratitude. Use them to share your

transforming love with a world still searching in the dark. In the name of your Son, given in love, we pray. Amen. ([Romans 4:1-5, 13-17](#), [John 3:1-17](#))

**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** “ To God be the Glory” UMH # 98

**Scripture Readings**

**Old Testament Psalm 121**

**New Testament John 3: 1-17**

**COMMUNION**

**Message** “Guided by the Promise”

**Rev. Jaime Torres**

**Hymn of Commitment** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” UMH # 327

**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).

**Announcements:** Senior Center Wednesday 11:00 a.m.; Coffee house Fridays 11:30 a.m.; Pastoral Evangelism Thursday’s & visitation as needed; GriefShare Today 1:00 p.m.; Foodshare March 7th; Seder Celebration Thurs. April 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:30 p.m.; Reminder bring flowers for Easter Cross; Easter Day Potluck; Bell choir practice Wednesday’s 4:00 p.m.

**Blessings for the people (Pastor)**

Go now in the mercy of God, whose promises never fail, to live as people who have generously received and thus generously share God’s gracious gift of new life with all we encounter. 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**

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

**OUR APPRECIATION TO:**

Jaime Torres  
Dan Michel  
Joanna Michel  
You  
Joy Asenas  
Marcia Heerema  
Laura Shaw  
Susan Johnson  
Eric Nelson  
Cristina Mendez

**Upcoming Events**

**Bible and Book Studies**

**"Disciple 2"**

Monday January 12  
Monday's 10:00 – 12:00 Noon  
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

**"He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado"**

Beginning February 17th  
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.

**February Birthdays**

24<sup>th</sup> Edie Swetman

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This Sunday, the gospel reading from John 3 is one that many people know by heart. Its familiarity is comfort, yet we must not let comfort become complacency.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*