

SUNDAY WORSHIP
March 15, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A

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

Liturgist: Martha Gentry
Reader: Heather Nielsen

Bell Choir Marcia Heerema Director
Gathering Hymns “This is the Day” “Change My Heart”

Call to Worship

L: Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies. We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.

P: The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do. We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.

L: The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God. We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.

All: Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace. Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.

All: Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want. We lie down when we could act, we stir the pot when we could offer peace, we wander tempting paths instead of following you. We seek courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you. We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them; we see scarcity even when you offer us abundance. We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy, so that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. 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

Radiant Shepherd, you walk beside us through valleys and over mountaintops, guiding us with grace and guarding us with love. In your presence, we lack nothing that truly matters. Even in a world clouded by shadows, your light shines through—inviting us to live as children of the day. Receive these gifts, O God, as signs of our desire to walk in your ways, to live as your people, and to shine with the goodness, justice, and truth that reflect your image. Let our giving be more than ritual; let it be an act of trust, a response to your faithfulness, and a testimony of your light at work in us. In Christ's holy name, we pray, Amen. ([Psalm 23](#), [Ephesians 5:8-14](#))

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 Glory, Laud, and Honor ” UMH # 280 verses 1,3, & 5

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament Ephesians 5: 8-14

Message “Journeying in Grace ”

Rev. Jaime Torres

Hymn of Commitment “ In the Cross of Christ I Glory ” UMH # 295 verses 1,3, & 5

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).

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 21st; Seder Celebration Thurs. April 2nd 4:30 p.m.; Reminder bring flowers for Easter Cross; Easter Day Egg Hunt & Potluck; Bell choir practice Wednesday's 4:00 p.m.; Good Friday Service; Easter Caroling

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

Beloved, may the blessing of God's mercy go before you, behind you, and all around you as we journey in grace, reflecting the Light of new life wherever we go. 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
Martha Gentry
Heather Nielsen
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.

March Birthdays

2nd Sean Gentry
20th Nancy Coker

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This year, the lectionary once again gives us a very familiar text. Whether read at a baptism, wedding, or funeral, Psalm 23 has accompanied many of us through important moments in our lives.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*