

SUNDAY WORSHIP
March 22, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A

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

Liturgist: Judi Hartshorn
Reader: Marcia Heerema

Bell Choir Marcia Heerema Director
Gathering Hymns “Forever” “ I Believe in Jesus”

Call to Worship

L: Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn, heavy with all the circumstances that are too much to bear alone. We gather to travel God’s redemption road together.

P: Some of us come to worship today, dry and thirsty, longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us. We gather to travel God’s redemption road together.

L: Some of us come to worship today with stories to tell of little resurrections, moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them. We gather to travel God’s redemption road together.

ALL: Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today, God welcomes us and calls us to work together as we travel God’s redemption road together. We gather to be truth-tellers and life-bringers as we travel God’s redemption road together. Amen.

All: Prayer of Confession

Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering. When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace. When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing. Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. 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

Life-Giving Spirit, you breathe hope into our valleys of despair and call forth life where we saw only dry bones. We come today not out of habit, but out of longing to be part of your work that restores, renews, and redeems. Take these gifts and use them to roll away the stones that keep your people bound. Let them be signs of trust, symbols of resurrection, and tools of transformation in a weary world. May our offering, like our living, lean into your Spirit and testify that life—abundant, eternal, and holy—is possible in you. In Christ, who calls us out of the grave and into your grace, we pray. Amen. ([Ezekiel 37:1-14](#), [Psalm 130](#), [Romans 8:6-11](#), [John 11:1-45](#))

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 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” UMH # 294 verse 1,3 5

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Ezekiel 37:1-14

New Testament Romans 8:6-11

Message “Redemption Road ”

Rev. Jaime Torres

Hymn of Commitment “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” UMH # 297

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.; 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 7:00p.m.; Easter Caroling Friday March 27th 5:00p.m.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

Beloved, the journey does not end here. As you travel God’s redemption road, go in the blessing of God who persistently breathes new life into dry and weary places, and watch for resurrection to happen when you least expect it. 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
Judi Hartshorn
Marcia Heerema
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 through ZOOM

"He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado"

Beginning February 17th
Tuesday's 1:00 – 3:00pm
Laura Shaw Facilitating through 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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However you approach this constellation of passages, pay attention to how they point your congregation toward the redemption road, the road that leads us toward the cross, resurrection, and into the whole world.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*