

SUNDAY WORSHIP
March 29, 2026
PALM SUNDAY , YEAR A

Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Carolyn Diaz
Reader: Nancy Coker

Palm Procession

Bell Choir Marcia Heerema Director

Gathering Hymns “Hosanna, Hosanna!” “Celebrate Jesus”

Call to Worship

L: Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession into Jerusalem, a demonstration of Jesus’ saving power. We come to praise Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

P: The crowds line the path and shout “Hosanna! Save us!” as Jesus rides in, not on a mighty war horse, but on the backs of a donkey and a colt. We come to call on Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

L: The city murmurs, wondering who this person is who demonstrates power through humility, strength without tyranny. We come to witness Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

All: Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem, following a Messiah who saves us to live after the pattern of the kin-Dom of God, not the kingdoms of this world? We come to follow Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

All: Prayer of Confession

Let us confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of stress. O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too. But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us, and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ, we pray. 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

Humble Savior, you ride into our lives not with force, but with invitation—calling us to follow, to risk, and to trust. As we bring these gifts, we confess we don’t always understand where the road leads. But like those who laid down cloaks and waved palms, we offer what we have with hope in our hearts and praise on our lips. Use these offerings to proclaim your kingdom—where love

confronts fear, and peace dares to speak in the shadow of power. Save us, Lord. Use us.

Amen. ([Matthew 21:1-11](#))

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 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” UMH #298

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

New Testament Matthew 21:1-11

Message “Marching Orders”

Rev. Jaime Torres

Hymn of Commitment “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” UMH #301

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.; No Food Share April 4th.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

Beloved, as we move into the week ahead, may God bless you with the insight to know the way of Jesus, the courage to hold firm to the way of Jesus when the crowds try to lead you astray, and the strength to follow the way of Jesus, the way of God’s steadfast love that never fails. 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
Carolyn Diaz
Nancy Coker
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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Holy Week begins with a journey-or rather, picks up in the middle of a journey to Jerusalem.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*