

SUNDAY WORSHIP
April 05, 2026
EASTER SUNDAY , YEAR A

Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Judy Hartshorn
Reader: Tom Somers

Bell Choir **Marcia Heerema Director**
Gathering Hymns “Celebrate Jesus” “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Call to Worship

L:Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing! Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

P:Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear! Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

L:God has transformed a dead end into a new start! Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

All: Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

All: Prayer of Confession

O God, still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do. Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through 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

God of New Beginnings, you roll away more than stones. You roll away despair and doubt, fear and failure. On this Resurrection morning, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the new life we have found in Christ. Let these offerings be signs of our commitment to live differently -- eyes open, hearts awakened, hands ready to serve. May what we give today help announce to the world that hope is alive, love has triumphed, and joy cannot be contained. Use us and what we offer to keep telling the story: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen. ([Matthew 28:1-10](#))

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 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” UMH #302

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

New Testament Matthew 28:1-10

Message “A New Start”

Rev. Jaime Torres

Hymn of Commitment “He Lives” UMH # 310

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.; Bell choir practice Wednesday's 4:00 p.m.; Josh's Memorial Service April, 11th; Food Share April 18th; Potluck today; Communion will be held the 12th;

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

Go now in the blessing of God, who meets death with life, hatred with love, and hopeless endings with abundant possibilities, to build a community of life, love, and flourishing as Easter people, followers of the Risen Christ! 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
Judy Haryshorn
Tom Somers
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.

April Birthdays

6th Bob Morris
12th Roberta Palmer

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Easter is a new start for all of us who journey together in grace as the body of Christ, for it is the good news that binds us together and empowers us to continue on the path set before us.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*