

SUNDAY WORSHIP
April 12, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Carolyn Diaz
Reader: Michelle Patterson

Gathering Hymns “Come now is the time to Worship” “Here I am to Worship”

Call to Worship

L: Easter people, Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Christ *is* risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What’s the proof? Is Resurrection real?

P: Within our questioning, Christ appears.

L: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ’s resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

P: Within our certainty, Christ appears.

L: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God’s salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

All: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

All: Prayer of Confession

God’s mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God’s grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in silent prayer. **Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day and offer the truth of our lives: The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that impedes us, the ignorance that hinders us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will Find courage in unlikely places, move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.** Hear the Good News: We are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! **Alleluia! 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

Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts, we dare not speak aloud. Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know—and yet, by your grace, you call us blessed for believing without seeing. Accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our

trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. Let our giving testify to your Resurrection power and shape us into a community where wounds are not hidden but held with love. In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. Amen.

(John 20:19-31)

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 “Thine Be Thy Glory” UMH #308

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 16

New Testament Matthew 20:19-31

COMMUNION

Message “Unless I See”

Rev. Jaime Torres

Hymn of Commitment “I Love to Tell the Story ” UMH # 156

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.; Food Share April 18th.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

May God bless you with open hearts to recognize the resurrected Christ in our midst and with the courage to reach out and touch the wounds of our neighbors, believing that we will find Resurrection in the meeting of our vulnerability.

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
Michelle Patterson
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

"The Case for Miracles"

Beginning April 21st
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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Thomas reminds us that the power of Resurrection is inseparable from its reality. This service invites worshipers to engage all their senses-sight, sound, touch, taste-to notice Christ's risen presence among us and within us.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*