

SUNDAY WORSHIP
April 19, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER , YEAR A

Ringin of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Tom Somers
Reader: Judi Hartshorn

Gathering Hymns “Shine, Jesus Shine” “ Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Call to Worship

L: Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

L: We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don’t always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

L: We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God’s Resurrection life is closer than we think.

L: Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

All: May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.

All: Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Stranger, our Companion on the Way, we yearn for your love and grace. We seek your wisdom and guidance. We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us. Yet sometimes we would cling to you, hoard the blessings of relationship with you, and not share your love with others. Forgive us, Dear One. Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world. Press us to share the hope and joy of your love, so that someone who hungers for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace. Shine the light of your Spirit through us, so that we may show your Way to those who long for peace and help to revive those in whom hope has died. **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

Astounding God of the road and the table, you walk with us even when we don’t recognize you. You speak, and our hearts burn within us. You break the bread, and our eyes are opened. Today, we bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and hope. May our giving reflect the joy of being

found, the wonder of Resurrection, and the call to share good news. Use these gifts to kindle faith, feed the hungry, and proclaim your presence in every Emmaus moment. We give because we’ve seen you—alive, loving, and leading us still. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

(Luke 24:13-35)

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 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” UMH # 133

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 34:1-10

New Testament Luke 24:13-35

Message “Astounded Us”

Rev. Jaime Torres

Hymn of Commitment “ Amazing Grace ” UMH # 378

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.; Family night April 24th 6:00 p.m.; Food Share May 2nd.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

Go now in the courage and blessing of the Risen Christ to live as bearers of the astounding good news to bring hope and peace in a world that so desperately needs Resurrection. 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
Tom Somers
Judi Hartshorn
You
Joy Asenas
Marcia Heerema
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Mendez

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

"Disciple Book Study"
Will resume in the Fall
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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Resurrection unsettles our certainty and invites us into astonishment. This week's worship explores how joy and disruption coexists as we live into the astounding news that Love has conquered death.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*