

SUNDAY WORSHIP
May 3, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Carolyn Diaz
Reader: Michelle Patterson

Gathering Hymns “Forever” “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Call to Worship

L: Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

L: In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

L: In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

L: In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

L: Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

All: Prayer of Confession

Merciful God: We claim that you sent Jesus to us to take away the sin of the world and to say that we are part of that sin. Maybe our small errors add up; or maybe there is no degree to sin, that one is as hurtful as another. Help us not to dwell on vocabulary. Help us not to focus on what sin means but to acknowledge that we do things that hurt other people, and the creation, and ourselves, and you. Come into our hearts, then, and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us how this is done. 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

Way-Making God, your offer to us is not just to believe in heaven, but to live the kingdom life here and now. Through Jesus, you show us the way, the truth, and the life—calling us to deeper trust, wider welcome, and greater works of grace. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life, choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment. Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling places visible in our community, in our compassion, in our courage. We give, because we've heard your voice. In Christ's name. Amen.

(John 14:1-14)

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 “My Hope is Built” UMH# 368

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 119:9-20

New Testament John 14:1-14

COMMUNION

Message “You Know the Way”

Rev. Jaime Torres

Hymn of Commitment “ The Church's One Foundation ” UMH # 545

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.; Food Share May 16th; District Conference May 9th 9a.m-11a.m

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

May God bless you as you leave this place to follow the Way, to seek after the Truth, and to rejoice in the Life of the Triune God who draws us together and sends us out to be agents of Resurrection life in a hurting world. 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**

OUR APPRECIATION TO:

Rev.
Liturgist
Reader
Greeters
Pianist
Children's Sermon
Adult Education Director
Lay Leader
Videographer
Office Admin
Communion Steward

Jaime Torres
Heather Nielsen
Martha Gentry
You
Joy Asenas
Marcia Heerema
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Mendez
Carolyn Diaz

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.

May Birthdays

14th Dan Michel
20th Joanna Michel
29th Sean Morris

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Jesus declares, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." This service invites us to unite belief with holy living, exploring how faith shapes our daily choices and communal witness.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*