

SUNDAY WORSHIP
May 17, 2026
ASCENSION OF THE LORD , YEAR A

Ringin of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Susan Johnson
Reader: Tom Somers

Gathering Hymns “I Believe in Jesus” “Here I am To Worship”

Call to Worship

L: Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

P: Through Christ, we are made one with God.

L: In life, death, and Resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God here and now.

P: Through Christ, we are made one in God.

L: Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

P: Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.

L: So, come, let us worship God who saves us into eternal life with God and one another!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

All: Prayer of Confession

God, we believe you have called us to unity, but often we have isolated ourselves from others. God, forgive us for the times we have turned our backs on those who are different. God, we believe you have called us to live together as one body. God, forgive us for the times we have created division within your worldwide church. God, we believe you ask us to look, listen, and learn from others. God, forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked those with different viewpoints. God, we believe you ask us to accept and seek to understand all who are called by your name. Forgive us for the times we have offended you by failing to love others as we do ourselves. God, we believe you call us to be one, even as you are one. Forgive us for the disunity we have harbored and make us one.

(Pause to offer up prayers for unity within the church.)

God and Creator of all humankind, your son Jesus Christ prayed that your church might be one, even as you our God are one. May you renew our minds and rekindle your love in our hearts, so that by the power of the Spirit, we might find the Oneness that you intend for us. God, may we recognize in your Oneness our need for unity. God, may we recognize in your Three-ness, our need for community. God, may we recognize in your creativity, our need for diversity. God, may we recognize in your Self, our need to love each other. 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

Unifying God of Grace, you have entrusted us with the joy of community and the calling of witness. As Jesus prayed that we might be one, we bring these gifts as a sign of our shared commitment to your mission in the world. Let our giving reflect our love, our unity declare your glory, and our generosity embody Christ's presence among us. Use these offerings to strengthen the church, to bless our neighbors, and to glorify your name. In Christ, we belong to you. In Christ, you are glorified in us. Amen.

(John 17:1-11)

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 “All Creatures of Our God and King” UMH# 62 v 1, 3 & 5

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Isaiah 45:1-7

New Testament John 17:1-11

Message “So That They May Be One”

Rev. Jaime Torres

Hymn of Commitment “O Jesus, I Have Promised” UMH # 396

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 June 6th;

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

Beloved, go now in the blessing of the Triune God to live as diverse members of the one body of Christ, choosing unity over division, cooperation over conformity, and collaboration over exclusion as we work together for the flourishing of all creation. 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
Susan Johnson
Tom Somers
You
Joy Asenas
Susan Johnson
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Mendez
Carolyn Diaz

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

"Disciple Bible 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.

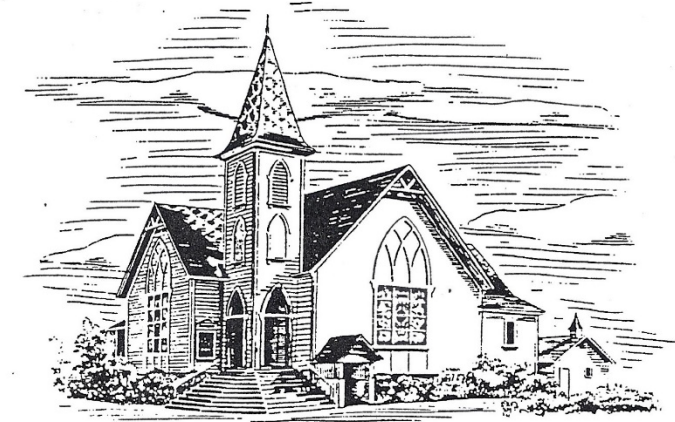
May Birthdays

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

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Jesus prays for our unity and glorification in him. This service invites creative engagement with
what it means to live as answers to Christ's prayer for oneness in the world.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*