

SUNDAY WORSHIP
June 14, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST , YEAR A

Ringin of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Marcia Heerema
Reader: Martha Gentry

Gathering Hymns “I Will Enter His Gates” “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Call to Worship

L: God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places—under a tree, in the smile of a stranger, in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.

P: God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.

L: God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways—in a well-placed word from a friend, in a prayer that comes at just the right time, in a song that resonates through our entire being.

P: God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.

L: God fulfills God’s promises in surprising yet ordinary ways—in an unexpected act of kindness, in providing just what we need at just the right time, in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.

P: God, open our hands to receive your blessings all around us.

L: Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways that God shows up among us, may we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands, ready to encounter God’s miraculous work.

P: God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of God’s miraculous works all around us.

All: Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you reached into Abraham and Sarah's lives and asked them to dream the impossible dream—that you would transform what appears to have been a barren and lifeless situation into one overflowing with promise and hope—and, through faith in you, they believed your promises.

Forgive us, O God, if we never get beyond thinking of your call on our lives as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption. Faithful God, the apostle Paul emphasises

Abraham's complete trust and faith in your promises and how he grew ever stronger in faith, fully convinced of your ability to fulfil what had been promised. **Forgive us, O God, when we find it hard even to hear your promises above commercial assurances of transformation— promises tempting us to trust the newest and trendiest product to realize our dreams.** Merciful God, Jesus revealed the great depth of your love in his determination to defeat evil even when this meant giving up his own life. **Forgive us, O God, when we allow the power of evil to flourish because we fear that taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise.** *Silent reflection on these words* Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you; **Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

Help us when we hesitate and **strengthen us when we are weak** Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds—our lives— so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us. 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

Joyful Giver of Miracles, we come to you with hearts open to the unexpected, for you are the God who surprises us with joy, even in seasons of waiting and even through our disbelief. You meet us in the ordinariness of welcome, and you plant seeds of laughter that bloom into life. As Abraham and Sarah offered their hospitality and received the promise of new life, we offer our gifts in trust and gratitude. Bless these gifts, O God, that they may bear witness to your goodness and extend joy, hope, and welcome to the world you so love. May our giving be a reflection of our faith, and may our faith be full of laughter. In the name of the one who brings life out of impossibility, Amen.

(Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7))

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

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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 “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” TFWS# 2031

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Genesis 18:1-15

New Testament Romans 5:1-8

Message “A Miracle Called Laughter”

Rev. Jaime Torres

Hymn of Commitment “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” UMH #139

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.; Food Share June 20th;Annual Conference 17th through 20th;Father’s Day and baptisms Potluck June 21st; Judi’s B-day and Pastor Laura Perez welcoming potluck July 5th

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

Go now, in the blessing of God who meets us where we are and surprises us with new life where none seemed possible. May we be a people who embody God’s miracle called laughter as we work for the flourishing of all creation as the family of God. 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**

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

OUR APPRECIATION TO:

Jaime Torres
Marcia Heerema
Martha Gentry
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.

June Birthdays

10th Mark Gentry
15th Martha Gentry
28th Barbara Peterson

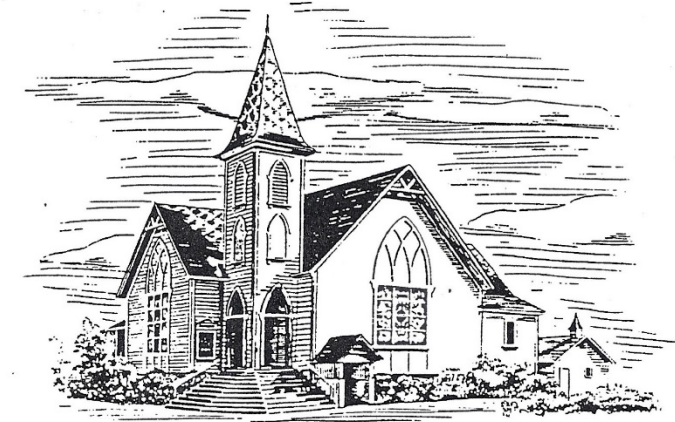
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What Abraham, Sarah, and a few holy detours teach us about laughter, attention, and God's surprising grace.

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North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*