

Easter Plants Are Given By

The Austin Family in memory of Glenn & Katie Sheeley, Richard Ford, Dwight Austin, and Christopher Austin

Bob & Carol Barnes in memory of Lloyd & Beatrice Barnes and Gerald & Doris Branshaw

The Bianco Family in honor of the Gary Church Staff

Ruth Boltz in memory of her husband, Herman Boltz

David & Heidi Brewer in honor of Katri & Daniel and Krista & Phillip

Mark & Stephanie Dalton in memory of Emmett L. Dineen and Raymond F. Dalton

Bob & Madge Drake in memory of David & Mary Helen Krebs and Bob & Pat Drake

Ed Ewoldt in memory of Nancy Ewoldt and Karen Ewoldt Kruse, and in honor of Kurt, Kristin, and Tyler Ewoldt; Eric, Valerie, Jourdan, and Corie Ewoldt; Steve, Beth, Zachary, and Hannah Ewoldt

Joyce Fahs in memory of Ivan Fahs

Judy Fischer and Family in memory of Ron Fischer

Helen Fisher in loving memory of Phil Fisher

Phyllis Geyer in memory of Bob Geyer

Wanda Grant in loving memory of her husband, Don

Bill Hackett in memory of Joanne R. Hackett

Reg & Barbara Heeley

Barbara Holmes in loving memory of her mother, Florence Holmes

Eileen Hughes in loving memory of her husband, Roy, and their parents, sisters, and brother

The Klage Family in memory of Richard & Elizabeth Kallinger, Sue Roeges, Angela Kallinger, and Brett Spearing

Gil & Lola Lehman in honor of their children

The Leonards in memory of Harold & Jerry Peabody, and Bill Leonard

Gary & Sharon Lloyd in honor of their family

Joan Long and Andy Long in loving memory of their husband and father, Charles Long

Linda McCabe in memory C. Kevin McCabe and parents

Rich Michelotti & Myra Burgess in honor of the J. Richard Michelotti Family and in memory of John A. Michelotti and Mr. & Mrs. T. W. Burgess

Chuck Miller to honor deceased law enforcement officers

Chuck & Cubby Minauskas in honor of their children and grandchildren

Bettye Montgomery in memory of her husband, George and in honor of her great-grandson, Jack George Collins

Dick & Carolyn Raber in memory of Carolyn's brother, Dr. Richard Cressey

Allen & Ellen Reed in honor of their grandchildren

Joe & Jennifer Ruth in memory of Robert & Katharine Halkin, Vic & Tillie Kovanich, and Joe Ruth, Sr.

Judy Selby in memory of her parents and sister

Cindy Sennese in memory of Albert Sennese

Jim & Geri Smith

Paul & Joan Stevens in honor of the staff at Gary Church

Fred & Paula Wayland in honor of the Gary Church staff and volunteers

Andrew, Derek and Mackenzie Webb in honor of their loving grandparents

Casey, Judy, Andrew, Derek and Mackenzie Webb in memory of their dad and grandpa, Al Milbratz

Ed & Alice Williams in honor of Josie McKee on her 14th birthday, Jacob McKee, and Ellie and Amelia Peterson

Howard & Barbara Wonser in honor of Tyler, Ryan, Peter, Ethan, and Christopher

Welcome Guests!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. We invite you to complete the Welcome Card in the pew pocket and stop by the Welcome Desk on the main level outside the west Sanctuary entrance to receive a gift and more information about our ministries. *Hearing aid devices are available* (including the neck loop for telecoil programs). Large print song sheets are also available. Please see an usher for assistance.

Next Week's Lectionary Readings

We invite you to include the lectionary readings in your devotion times. Readings for next week are Acts 4:32–35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1–2:2, and John 20:19–31.

Congregational Care

Please remember these individuals and families in your prayers this week.

Jan Adair, Max Akerman, Charlie Castino, Jim Cohick, Margaret Diddams, Jim & Carol Eaton, Dorothy Erhardt, Anna Gorski, Barbara Heeley, Pat Hill, Terri Jolsway, Mary Louise Lewis, Chris Loken, Dan Meeks, Brigitte Plesek, Lenna Siens, Jan Sutfin, Jim Trieschmann, James Wernicke, Jack & Shirley Williamson

Our Sympathy to

Gil & Lola Lehman on the death of Gil's brother, Joel Lehman, on Mar. 25

Serving Today

9:00 a.m. Service

Greeters Dave, Leigh Ann, Carter & Faith Gaul, Holly Trueblood, Audrey & Gray Cicmanec

Acolytes Danny Janiak, Annie Macabobby

Welcome Desk Phyllis Geyer, Mary Landreth, Kim Austin

Ushers Chuck Miller, Paul Calderwood, Sam Calderwood, Joe Davisson, David Plate, Dick Raber, Lisa Rozwat

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeters Mike & Terri Kinney, Phyllis Hamilton, Jean Doyle

Acolytes Gray Cicmanec, Carter Gaul

Welcome Desk Bob & Madge Drake

Ushers Bob Hawkins, Bill Austin, Michael Graves, Doug & Tammy Halenza, George King

Musicians: Dr. William Phemister (organ/piano); Jennifer Whiting (Cherub Choir, Chancel Choir); Kristen Stetzer (Friendship Singers); Chris Davis, John Moore, Jr. (trumpet); Adrienne Schroeder (French horn); Jennifer Melugin, Ralph Petrella (trombone); Eric Ferguson, Matt Janiak (tuba); Dave Rush (timpani/percussion)

Sound Technicians: Kevin Carlson, Phil Johnson, Alyn Mann, Dave Mann, Tony Venezia

Staff Ministry Team: Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, Rev. Brian Felker Jones, Rev. Bruce Anderson, Jennifer Whiting, Carey Bebar, Kim Austin, Alexa Isaac, Becky Lemna, Pam Keller, Shelley Bornstein, Raven Larkin, Dave Brewer, Deb Hafner, Mike & Donna Capra

Mission Statement

Grow in faith, knowledge, and understanding of Christ as Lord and Savior

Serve our community and the world by sharing time, gifts, talents

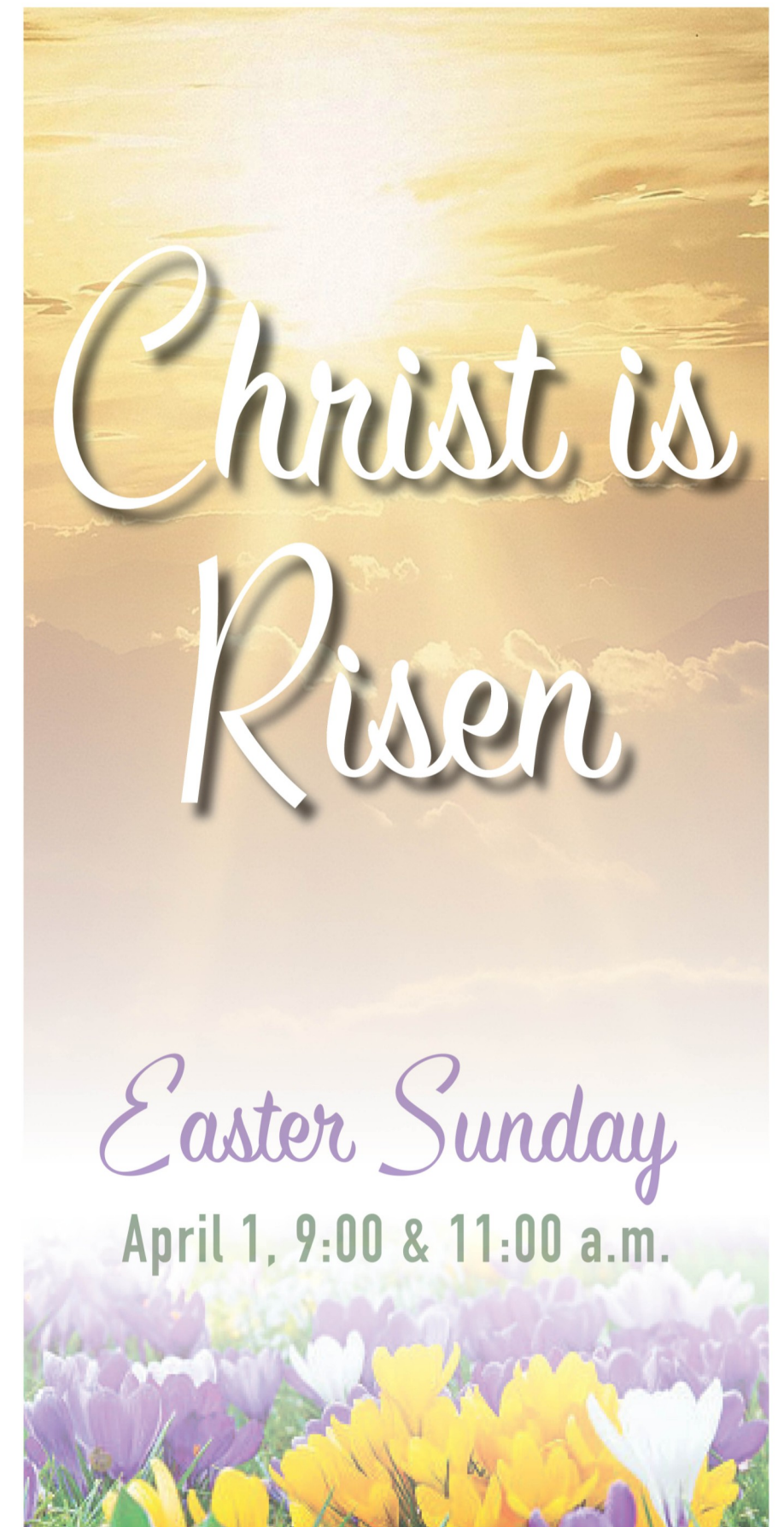
Nurture one another through worship, fellowship, love

Demonstrate our discipleship to Christ

Proclaim God's grace and Good News



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Gary United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018 9:00 & 11:00 AM

**Please stand as you are able.*

Congregation reads bold print.

Congregational song book is the hard cover Hymnal found in the pew racks.

Prelude Alleluyas Simon Preston

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

Introit (9:00) Hallelu, Hallelu
Cherub Shoe Box Band; Michael Villanueva, guitar

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!
~ Public domain

(11:00) Did I Hear You Say? Don Schlosser
Friendship Singers

Did I hear you say that the stone was rolled away, and Jesus is alive again? Did I hear you say that an angel spoke to you, and Jesus is alive again? The night is over, and the sun is shining, and the world is singing; it's a brand new day—a day of victory for all eternity. Jesus is alive again! Did I hear you say that the tomb is empty now, and Jesus is alive again? The night is over, and the sun is shining, and the world is singing; it's a brand new day—a day of victory for all eternity. Jesus is alive again!

*Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Darkness has been vanquished!

The brilliant light of hope has come!

Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen!

*Opening Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 302
(Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4)

Opening Prayer

Loving, powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day! Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our spirits to receive fully the joy which has been given for us! Let us celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the future! Amen.

*Scripture Lesson John 20:1–23 Pew Bible p. 906

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Readers: JoAnne Chase (9:00); Vickie Austin (11:00)

*Hymn of Faith The Day of Resurrection 303

After the hymn, children Preschool 3's–grade 5 are invited to come forward for Children's Time. Children will return to their families afterwards.

Childcare is available for newborn–4 yrs. from 8:45 AM to 12 PM on the lower level.

The Children's Time Carey Bebar

Sermon “Transforming, Resurrection Faith”
Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

I Believe in God (Credo), from *Gospel Mass* Robert Ray
Chancel Choir; Linda Krueger, Cindi Copeland, soloists

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he arose. On the third day, he arose. On the third day, he arose! Now he sits at the right hand, and he's waitin' for you and me. He will judge all the world. He will judge you and me. I believe in the Holy Spirit and the Holy catholic church. I believe, Lord, in one baptism for the remission of sin and rebirth. I believe in the resurrection and the communion of saints in this world. I believe when my life is over, I'm going home just to live with my God. I believe, I believe in God and in the Holy Ghost. I believe, I believe in God.
~ paraphrased from the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed*

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Through north and south and east and west,
May God's immortal name be blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Till everywhere beneath the sun,
God's Kingdom come, God's will is done.
O Praise Him, O Praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Invitation (11:00)

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon (11:00)

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies.

This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People,” people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (11:00) 13

Sharing the Bread and the Cup (11:00)

*Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns 327

*Benediction

*Postlude Recessional William Mathias

