

Gary United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018 9:00 & 11:00 AM

**Please stand as you are able.*

Congregation reads bold print.

Congregational song books are the hard cover Hymnal and the smaller flexible book, The Faith We Sing, both found in the pew racks.

Prelude O God, My Faithful God Johannes Brahms

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

Introit (9:00) Domine Deus, from Gloria Antonio Vivaldi
Kristen Stetzer, soprano

(11:00) How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place Daniel Kallman
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Behold, what love God has for us!

We are the children of God.

The world does not understand,

because the world still does not know God.

Christ has shared God’s love for us through his life, death, and resurrection;

we are called to share God’s love with one another.

Come, worship Christ, for we are the children of God;

may we be filled with God’s love, and share God’s love with the world. Amen.

*Hymn Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise Hymnal 312
(Stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

Opening Prayer

Come to us, God, for we are waiting—waiting and hoping that your word of peace will soothe our fearful and doubting souls. Open our hearts to the message you would share with us today through song, prayer, and meditation, that our souls might reach out, touch you, and believe. Help us claim our identity as your beloved children. Help us live into this identity, today and always, that we might radiate your love to others. Come, beloved One, we are here to listen and be transformed.[†]

*Scripture Lesson 1 John 3:1–7 Pew Bible p. 1022
*Luke 24:36b–48 Pew Bible p. 885

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Readers: Harry Chase (9:00), Bill Austin (11:00)

*Hymn of Faith Christ Has Risen TFWS 2115

(9:00) Children Preschool 3’s–Grade 5 are invited to come forward during the hymn. After the Children’s Time, Preschool 3’s–Grade 5 may follow their leaders downstairs for Kids’ Helping Hands Mission.

(11:00) Children are invited to worship with their families during this service. Children’s bulletins and activity bags are available from the ushers.

Childcare is available for newborn–2 yrs. from 8:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the lower level.

Children’s Time (9:00) Carey Bebar

Sermon “Children of God” 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, for ever. Amen.

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

(9:00) How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place Daniel Kallman
Chancel Choir

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts, to me. My soul is longing and fainting, the courts of the Lord to see. My heart and flesh they are singing for joy to the living God. How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts, to me. Even the sparrow finds a home where he can settle down, and the swallow she can build a nest where she may lay her young within the courts of the Lord of Hosts, my King, my Lord, and my God. And happy are those who are dwelling where the song of praise is sung. And I’d rather be a doorkeeper and only stay a day than live the life of a sinner and have to stay away. For the Lord is shining as the sun, and the Lord is like a shield; and no good thing does God withhold from those who walk the way. How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts, to me. My soul is longing and fainting, the courts of the Lord to see. My heart and flesh they are singing for joy to the living God. How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts, to me. ~ paraphrase from Psalm 84

(11:00) Domine Deus, from Gloria Antonio Vivaldi
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Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius patris. Lord God, Heavenly King, God Almighty Father. Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram patris miserere nobis. Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Who takes away the sins of the world, heed our supplications. Who sits at the right hand of the Father have mercy on us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. For You alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone the Most High, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the Glory of God the Father. Amen

*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!**

*Hymn Christ Is Alive Hymnal 318
(Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5)

*Benediction

*Postlude Christ Is Alive! Seth Bingham

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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 4:5–12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16–24, John 10:11–18.

Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries at 10:00 a.m.

Great Figures of the New Testament

Today–June 24 in the Anderson Room, facilitated by Cliff Hill

Join us this spring for the first half of a 24-week, DVD-based series by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. In this engaging study we will encounter vivid portraits of the cast of characters in the New Testament, taking a fresh look at how they have been interpreted by both the secular culture and the church. *This week:* John the Baptist.

How to Stay Emotionally Connected in Your Marriage

In the Chapel, led by Jack Berkemeyer of Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center

So much in our lives can steal away our marriage intimacy, and before we know, we are on auto-pilot. Join Jack Berkemeyer, a clinical counselor, to talk about the anatomy of intimacy/emotional connection, how to “take back” your marriage when you start losing it, cultivating an intentional marriage through everyday rituals, and how the spirituality of the beautiful “Easter Mystery” can support and encourage our marriage intimacy.

Explore Gary

In Commons E

Whether you are newer to the church or just looking for new ways to be involved, join us to meet others, ask questions, and discover a place to belong.

Gary Kids & Gary Youth

9:15 a.m. Kids' Helping Hands Mission Project

Preschool 3's–4's meet in the Preschool Room on the lower level

Kindergarten–Grade 5 meet in the Lower Level Lobby

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Preschool 3's–4's meet in the Preschool Room

Kindergarten–Grade 5 meet in Gamon Hall

Grades 6–7 meet in the Heritage Room

Confirmation (Grade 8) meets in the Jr. High Room

Grades 9–12 meet in the Sr. High Room

Next Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Couples Communication: Why Something So Simple is So Hard

In the Chapel, led by Dr. Jim Natter, Executive Director of Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center

Dr. Natter will help us understand why, in marriage, something as simple as talking can be so hard, and how being a Christian helps in intimacy. Join him for insights on changing the game by setting new goals and practical applications of communicating differently.

Congregational Care

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

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

Congratulations!

Joe & Pam Capra on the birth of their son, Logan Michael Capra, on Apr. 13. Grandparents are Mike & Donna Capra.

Our Sympathy to

The Family of Elizabeth (Pete) Moore. Pete passed away on March 9. A Memorial Service will be held in Gary's Sanctuary on Apr. 21 at 10 a.m.

John, Nancy, Will & Eric Brunner on the death of Nancy's aunt, Joan Meier, on Apr. 7.

Today's Altar flowers are given by

Dick & Nancy Selover in celebration of their 55th Wedding Anniversary

Serving Today

9:00 a.m. Service

Greeters Bud & Melissa Wheaton, Jeff, Christy, Brenden, Caden & Zoe Bohmer, Rachel, Matt, Danny & Tony Janiak

Welcome Desk Donna Trieschmann, Kathi Hodges, Cindy Plate

Acolytes Mark Bianco, Michael Macabobby

Ushers Dave Gaul, Ryan Shea, Stan Diddams, Carter Gaul, Ralph & Kathie Gehrig, Moyra Gorski, Andy Tooley, Teddy Tooley, Len Witte

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeters Rusty Haney, Rob Whiting, Scott Konetski

Welcome Desk Gil & Lola Lehman

Acolytes Chris Marra, Rachel Newman

Ushers Bob Drake, Patty Affett, Vickie Austin, John Hamilton, Don Kenyon, Andy Majernik, Luke Majernik, Bethany Majernik, Dick Selover

Musicians: Dr. William Phemister (organ/piano), Jennifer Whiting (Chancel Choir)

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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we are God's children now,
and what we will be has not
yet appeared; but we know
that when he appears we
shall be like him, because
we shall see him as he is.

And everyone who
thus hopes in him purifies
himself as he is pure.

1 John 3:2–3

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