

Gary United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday  
April 14, 2019 9 & 11 a.m.

\*Please stand as you are able.  
Congregation reads bold print.  
Congregational song books are the hard cover Hymnal found in the pew racks.

Prelude  
Marche Religieuse  
Alexandre Guilmant  
upon Handel's "Lift Up Your Heads," Op. 15 No. 2  
  
Children, Preschool 3's–Grade 5, are invited to gather in the Narthex and will enter the Sanctuary with palms during the singing of the opening hymn. Following the hymn, they will return to sit with their parents.

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

\*Call to Worship  
  
Blessed are those who delight in worship. Blessed are the ones who come in God's name.  
  
Give thanks to God, all who assemble here. God's steadfast love endures forever.  
  
This is the day that our God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
  
Hosanna! Let every knee bend before Jesus! Let every tongue welcome Christ's reign! Hosanna!

\*Hymn  
All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
280  
Please join us in waving your palm branches during the processional hymn!  
During the singing of the hymn, children preschool 3's–Grade 5 will process with palms and then return to sit with their parents.

Opening Prayer

We stand together, mighty God, for you have sustained us through weary days and anguished nights. We join the shouts of welcome, "Blessed is he who comes in God's name. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." This is a day of celebration. There is joy in the air. We have witnessed the transforming power of Jesus' compassion.  
  
But there are ominous overtones. There are voices that say peace is a mirage and love will not endure. We cling to our faith that your steadfast love embraces life and death, that we are surrounded and upheld by your goodness. Meet us here, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Pew Bible p. 511  
\*Luke 19:28-42a  
Pew Bible p. 878  
  
This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!  
  
Readers: Michelle Younkin (9 a.m.), Tony Disney (11 a.m.)

\*Hymn of Faith  
When Morning Gilds the Skies  
185  
(Stanzas 1, 2, and 3)  
  
(9) Children Preschool 3's–Grade 5 are invited to come forward during the hymn. After the Children's Time, those in Grades 4–5 will worship with their families, while children Preschool 3's–Grade 3 may follow their leaders downstairs to Kids' Church.  
  
(11) 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 a.m.)  
Carey Bebar

Sermon  
"If These Were Silent"  
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  
  
Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love  
arr. A. R. Petker  
based on "Pavane," Gabriel Fauré  
Chancel Choir  
  
Lamb of God, what wondrous love, what wondrous love, O my soul.  
Love, such love, that thou shouldst die, that thou, for me, shouldst die.  
Lord of Grace, what matchless love, what matchless love, O my soul.  
Son of God, thou loving sacrifice, thou loving sacrifice for me.  
Here, O Lord, am I, fearful, sinful one, guilty and condemned; thy death is surely mine.  
Cross of God, I would to turn away, yet love it bids me stay, O my soul.  
Can it be, the very death I fear is that which draws me near, Lord, to Thee?  
Lamb of God, Thou died for me. Lamb of God, thou died for me.  
Lamb of God, what wondrous love.  
~ Russell Kane and Allan Petker

\*Doxology  
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days  
269  
  
Abide with us, that so, this life  
of suffering over past,  
an Easter of unending joy  
we may attain at last.

Invitation (11 a.m.)  
  
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 a.m.)  
  
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (11 a.m.)  
13

Sharing the Bread and the Cup (11 a.m.)

Hymn  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
298  
The congregation is invited to sing the hymn and to reflect on the scripture passages between the stanzas.  
  
Stanza 1  
Luke 23:13-25  
  
Stanza 2  
Luke 23:26-43  
  
Stanza 3  
\*Luke 23:44-49  
  
\*Stanza 4

\*Benediction

\*Postlude  
Chorale Prelude on "When Jesus Wept"  
Dennis Elliot  
tune: William Billings  
  
When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

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.

# Holy Week

We mark significant moments of the last week of Jesus’ earthly life as we prepare ourselves for the miraculous joy of his Resurrection on Easter.

Come share in the events of this week as we walk with Jesus and experience this season’s message of love, hope, and transformation.

Holy Week

April 15–19

## Along the Way: A Service of Preparation and Blessing

*Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m. in the Commons*

Immerse yourself in the events and emotions of Holy Week through music, prayer, and drama. Several unnamed women from Jesus’ life, Peter, a priest, and Judas will share their accounts in this family-friendly service.

## Maundy (Holy) Thursday Service

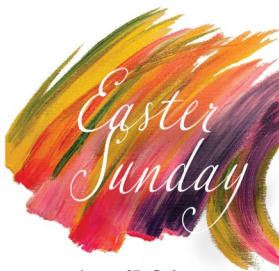
*Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m. at Winfield Church*

This service is a remembrance of the Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of his Disciples, showing them, and us, the meaning of humble Christian service and love.

## Good Friday Service

*Friday, April 19, 7 p.m. in the Gary Sanctuary*

This worship service will include scripture, prayer, and music—providing a time for reflection and turning our focus toward God. Childcare is available when requested through the Church Office.



April 21

## Celebration of the Resurrection

### Worship at Gary Church

*9 & 11 a.m.*

Services are family friendly; childcare is available for infants–4 yrs old.

### Special Blend Fellowship

*10 a.m. in the Commons*

### Easter Egg Hunt

*10:15 a.m. in Memorial Park (across from Gary’s parking lot)*

### Worship at Winfield Church

*10:30 a.m*

Service is family friendly; childcare is available.

## Congregational Care

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

Jan Adair, Jessica Bianco, Heidi Brewer, Jim & Carol Eaton, Dixie Hawthorne, Pat Hill, Betty Jeppsen, Norvis Land, Chris Loken, Dan Meeks, Jim Trieschmann, Jack & Shirley Williamson, Phil Zeller

## Our sympathy to

The Andrzejewski Family on the death of Bob’s mother, Mildred Andrzejewski, on Apr. 8

## Serving Today

### 9 a.m. Service

Greeters Dave, Liesl, Alyn & Chase Mann, Craig & Julia Behr, Dean, Bobbi, Ally & Lauren Updegrove  
Welcome Desk Dirk & Shelley Schilling, Craig & Julia Behr  
Acolytes Natalie Boba, Max Crisostomo  
Ushers Chuck Miller, Paul Calderwood, Sam Calderwood, Joe Davisson, David Plate, Dick Raber, Lisa Rozwat

### 11 a.m. Service

Greeters Steve, Laura, Ben & Danny Newell, Rob, Rowena, Emily & Melissa Hansen  
Welcome Desk Julie, Sarah & Ella Rodriguez  
Acolytes Lukas Schaafsma, Hannah Shrigley  
Ushers Bob Hawkins, Bill Austin, Michael Graves, Doug & Tammy Halenza, George King

**Musicians:** Kevin Lange (organ, piano), Jennifer Whiting (Chancel Choir)

**Sound Technicians:** John Brunner, Kevin Carlson, Phil Johnson, Alyn Mann, Dave Mann, Ellie Phillips, Ethan Phillips, David Rush, Tony Venezia

**Staff Ministry Team:** Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, Rev. Brian Felker Jones, Rev. Bruce Anderson, Jennifer Whiting, Kevin Lange, Carey Bebar, Kim Austin, Alexa Isaac, Becky Lemna, Pam Keller, Raven Larkin, Deb Evans, 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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The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and  
anthems before you we present.

John Mason Neale

