

Gary United Methodist Church		
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 4, 2018 9:00 & 11:00 AM		
<i>*Please stand as you are able.</i> <i>Congregation reads bold print.</i> <i>Congregational song book is the hard cover Hymnal found in the pew racks.</i>		
Prelude		
(9:00)	Larghetto	Handel
(11:00)	Bread of the World Chancel Choir	WAYFARING STRANGER arr. Dennis Eliot
Mission and Ministry at Gary Church		
*Call to Worship		
Praise the Lord! How good it is for us to gather and sing praises to our God.		
Great is our Lord, who understands us, lifts us up, and strengthens us.		
Sing with joy and thanksgiving to the Lord,		
who fills our lives with steadfast love. [†]		
*Hymn	God of Love and God of Power (Stanzas 1, 3, and 4)	578
(9:00) During the hymn, children Preschool 3’s–Grade 3 are invited to come forward to proceed with their leaders to the lower level for Kids’ Church. Children will return to the Sanctuary during the hymn prior to Communion.		
(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.		
Opening Prayer		
Gracious God, as Jesus spent time with you in prayer, we come before you in prayer this day.		
Renew our spirits, that we might tell your story with passion and purpose.		
Fill us with a hope that transcends worldly values.		
Fill us with a love that knows no bounds.		
Fill us with a compassion that leads to love and service.		
Free our lips to proclaim words of praise, as we share your good news with others.		
Guide, empower, and encourage us with your Spirit, as we seek to minister to the world.		
In the name of Christ, we pray.		
Amen. [†]		

Scripture Lesson	1 Corinthians 9:16–23	Pew Bible p. 957
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
Reader: Audrey Cicmanec (9:00)		
*Hymn of Faith	And Can It Be that I Should Gain (Stanzas 1, 4, and 5)	363
Sermon	“All For the Sake of the Gospel”	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)	Speak, O Lord Chancel Choir	Getty/Townend arr. Larson
Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility; test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of pow’r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we’ll stand on your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.		
(11:00)	Songs of Worship and Praise arr. Sharon Elery Rogers	
O Worship the King (J. M. Haydn) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (unknown) All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name (Oliver Holden)		
Glory Ringers		
*Hymn	My Soul Gives Glory to My God (Stanzas 1, 2, and 5)	198
(9:00) During the hymn, children Preschool 3’s–Grade 3 will return to the Sanctuary to join their families.		

Invitation		
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		
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		13
Sharing the Bread and the Cup		
Communion Anthem (9:00)		
	Bread of the World Chancel Choir	WAYFARING STRANGER arr. Dennis Eliot
Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead: look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed! Sit at this place, dear Lord and Father, fill up the cup and break the bread; O let us feel your loving power, O let us hear the words you said: “This is my blood and body broken, refresh your spirit, make it whole; remember me with food, the token: bread of the world, wine of the soul.” ~ Heber/Martin		
Communion Hymns		
The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns or to meditate silently.		
	What Wondrous Love Is This My Faith Looks Up to Thee Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus Grace Greater than Our Sin More Love to Thee, O Christ	292 452 349 365 453
*Hymn	Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service (Stanzas 1, 2, and 4)	581
*Benediction		
*Postlude	O Praise the Lord	Croft

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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 2 Kings 2:1–12, Psalm 50:1–6, 2 Corinthians 4:3–6, and Mark 9:2–9.

Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries at 10:00 a.m.

Daughters of Abraham: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Women Working Toward Peace and Justice in the 21st Century
In the Anderson Room
Please join us as women of Abrahamic faith share how their faith has inspired their work for peace and justice. Today we welcome Mary Hason, a member of Congregation Etz Chaim in Lombard, who will discuss her work as a Volunteer Organizer at DuPage United.

Together in Mission: People’s Resource Center
In the Chapel
We welcome Jeni Fabian, the new Executive Director of the People’s Resource Center. She will provide an overview of PRC, the organization’s history, volunteer opportunities, current needs in DuPage County that impact our neighbors, and future planning.

Gary Kids & Gary Youth

9:00 a.m. Kids’ Church

Preschool 3’s–4’s meet in the Preschool Room on the lower level
Kindergarten–Grade 3 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
Grades 9–12 meet in the Sr. High Room

Next Sunday

Habitat for Humanity International: A Vision Where Everyone Has a Decent Place to Live
At 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel
No matter who we are or where we come from, we all deserve a decent place to live. Proper shelter is the foundation on which families and communities thrive. Come find out what Habitat for Humanity is doing globally and locally here in DuPage County, and how you can help make this vision a reality.

Congregational Care

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

Jan Adair, Meridith Brand, Charlie Castino, Jim & Carol Eaton, Anna Gorski, Barbara Heeley, Pat Hill, Judy Jay, Rod Irey, Lola Lehman, Mary Louise Lewis, Chris Loken, Dan Meeks, Katina Pierson Golden, Robert Pierson, Lenna Siens, Roger & Jan Sutfin, Ruth Tremper, Jim Trieschmann, James & Helen Wernicke, Jack & Shirley Williamson

Our Sympathy to
Jan Sutfin on the death of her husband, Roger Sutfin, on Feb. 2. Arrangements are pending.

Today’s Altar flowers are given by
Ed Ewoldt in celebration of his 90th birthday on Feb. 9

Serving Today

9:00 a.m. Service
Greeters Bud & Melissa Wheaton, Chuck & Cubby Minauskas, Audrey Cicmanec, Gray Cicmanec
Welcome Desk Phyllis Geyer, Kim Austin
Acolytes Tony Janiak, Danny Newell
Ushers Mark Klage, Mike Ashby, Arlene Gates, Norvis Land, Marge Merriman, Roger Sanstrom

11:00 a.m. Service
Greeters Mike & Terri Kinney, Bob Hawkins, George King
Welcome Desk Bob & Madge Drake
Acolytes Travis Papievis
Ushers Verne Bintz, Barbara Holmes, Kathy Oswalt, Neal Smith, Rob Whiting

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

Musician: Dr. Tony Payne (organ/piano), Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal (Glory Ringers), Jennifer Whiting (Chancel Choir), Anthony Quaranta (11:00 cantor)

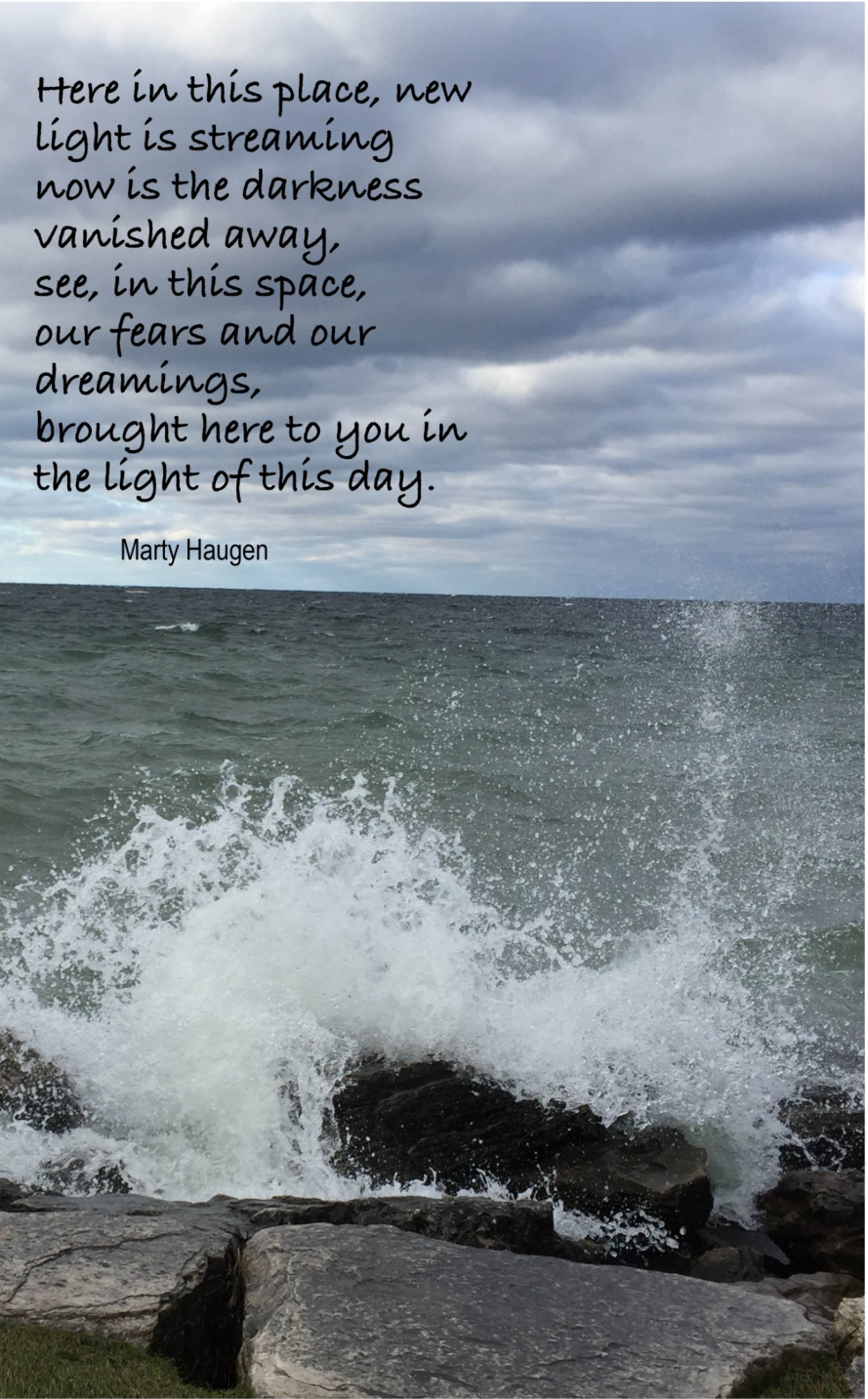
Staff Ministry Team: Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, Rev. Brian Felker Jones, Rev. Bruce Anderson, Jennifer Whiting, Carey Bebar, Kim Austin, Alexa Isaac, Becky Lemna, Pam Keller, Shelley Bornstein, Raven Larkin, Dave Brewer, Deb Hafner, Mike & Donna Capra

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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