

Gary United Methodist Church

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 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 (9:00)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Homer Whitford

(11:00)

O Worship the King

arr. Joel Raney

Beth Graves, piano; Tony Payne, organ

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

Introit (9:00)

O Worship the King

arr. Joel Raney

Beth Graves, piano; Tony Payne, organ

(11:00)

Steal Away

arr. Mosie Lister

Men’s Chorus

*Call to Worship

Lead us in the way of truth, O God.

Show us your holy pathways.

Your way is steadfast love and faithfulness.

Teach us to follow where you lead.

We trust in your way, O Lord.

To you, we lift up our souls. [†]

*Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Opening Prayer

God of rainbow promises, we seek to know your ways of love and truth. As we walk with Jesus in this season of Lent through our wilderness journeys, your Holy Spirit is with us, as it was with Jesus at the Jordan River. Help us clearly perceive the pathway that proclaims your kindness and your kingdom. Help us undertake the journey within to the source of our best selves, that we may remember anew that you are with us, in us, and near us, on every step of life’s journey. Amen. ^{††}

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 9:8–17

Pew Bible p. 7

*Mark 1:9–15

Pew Bible p. 836

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Readers: Bernard McGuan (9:00), Terry Balke (11:00)

*Hymn of Faith

Take Time to Be Holy

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(Stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

(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 Kid’s 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

“All For the Sake of the Kingdom”

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)

Steal Away

arr. Mosie Lister

Men’s Chorus

Steal away, steal away; steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by his thunder; the trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. Steal away, steal away; steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here. Green trees a-bendin', poor sinner stands a-tremblin; the trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. Steal away, steal away, steal away home.

(11:00)

Come, Thou Almighty King (Come, Creator Spirit)

ITALIAN HYMN with VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Sanctuary Ringers

arr. Fred Gramann

*Doxology

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

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)

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 (11:00)

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Sharing the Bread and the Cup (11:00)

*Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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(Stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

*Benediction

*Postlude

To God Be The Glory

Donald Hustad

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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 Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16, Psalm 22:23–31, Romans 4:13–25, and Mark 8:31–38.

Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries at 10:00 a.m.

All-Church Lenten Study | *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*
Feb. 18–Mar. 25

Adults in the Activity Center, led by Betsy Boyd and Holly Trueblood
Children and youth in their regular Sunday School locations

This Lent, experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal in Adam Hamilton’s six-week, DVD-based series, *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*. You’ll follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament. Please join us to dive deep into the pages of John and ponder how its words illuminate the meaning of Jesus Christ for our lives today.

Gary Kids & Gary Youth

9:00 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

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, Lenna Siens, Jan Sutfin, Ruth Tremper, Jim Trieschmann, James & Helen Wernicke, Jack & Shirley Williamson

Our Sympathy to
Pastor Jan Sutfin on the death of her husband, Roger Sutfin, on Feb. 2. Visitation will be held in Gary’s Sanctuary on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 12 p.m.

The Family of Caryl Fox, former Gary member. Caryl passed away on Nov. 18. A Memorial Service will be held in Gary’s Chapel on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m.

Congratulations!
Brandon, Jaclyn, and Bennett Shetuni on the birth of their twin daughters and sisters, Penelope Kingsleigh and Portia Valentia, on Feb. 6.

Today’s Altar flowers are given by
Steve & Barbara Wernicke in celebration of James & Helen Wernicke’s 70th Wedding Anniversary

Serving Today

9:00 a.m. Service
Greeters Norvis & Beverly Land, Jeff, Christy, Brenden, Caden & Zoe Bohmer, Rachel, Matt, Danny & Tony Janiak
Welcome Desk Dirk & Shelley Schilling, Mary Landreth
Ushers Chuck Miller, Paul Calderwood, Sam Calderwood, Joe Davisson, David Plate, Dick Raber, Lisa Rozwat

11:00 a.m. Service
Greeters Kim Austin, Scott Konetski
Welcome Desk Gil & Lola Lehman
Ushers Bob Hawkins, Bill Austin, Michael Graves, Doug & Tammy Halenza, George King

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

Musician: Dr. Tony Payne (organ/piano), Mike Krueger (Men’s Chorus), Willey Lee (piano), Sharon Schmidt (Sanctuary Ringers)

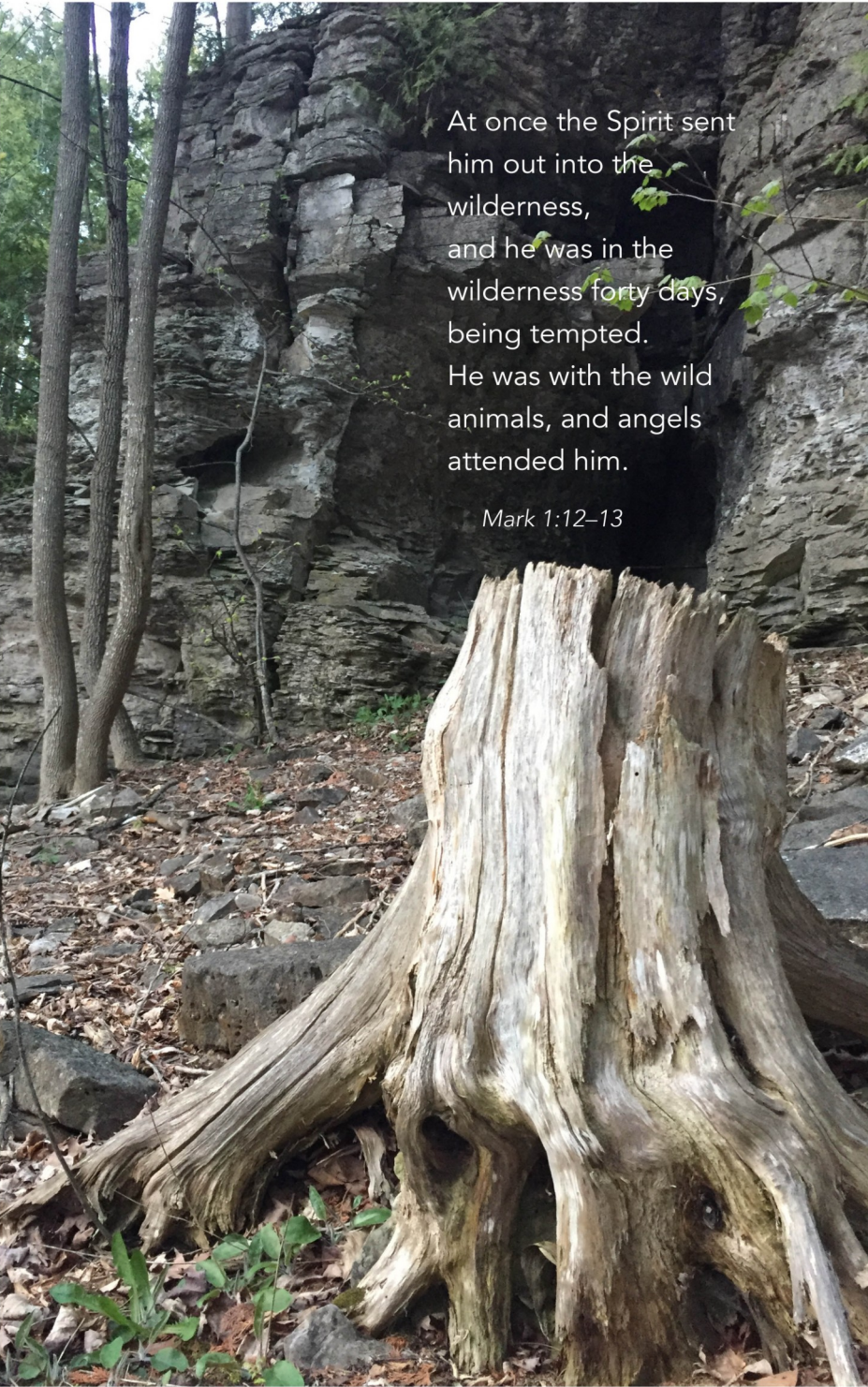
Staff Ministry Team: Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, Rev. Brian Felker Jones, Rev. Bruce Anderson, Jennifer Whiting, Carey Bebar, Kim Austin, Alexa Isaac, Becky Lemna, Pam Keller, Shelley Bornstein, Raven Larkin, Dave Brewer, Deb Hafner, Mike & Donna Capra

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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