

# Gary United Methodist Church

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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      Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim  
(LYONS)                      arr. Raymond H. Haan

## Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

Introit (9:00)      What Wondrous Love Is This      Southern folk hymn  
   Altar Bells                      arr. Douglas Wagner

(11:00)      Anthems of Love      Dan Forrest  
   Chancel Choir; Altar Bells;  
   Michael McGuan, Anna Erickson, violin; David Beytas, viola;  
   Micah Clark, Bonnie Wheaton, cello; Cameron Fuller, double bass

## \*Call to Worship

From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.  
**Let heaven and earth praise God's holy name.**

From our earliest steps, Christ guides our wayward feet.  
**Let all who draw breath come back to the Lord.**

From death to life, the Spirit sets us free.  
**Let the faithful rejoice in God's holy covenant.**

From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.  
**Let heaven and earth praise God's holy name.**<sup>†</sup>

\*Hymn      Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing      400

## Opening Prayer

**Spirit of the ages, as you called to Abram and Sarai, renaming them according to your purposes, call to us this day.**  
**Open our ears to the sound of your voice, that we may respond to your call and pick up our cross to follow you.**  
**Name us anew this day, and raise us to newness of life, that we may be children of your promise, people of your covenant, and disciples of your grace.**  
**Amen.**<sup>†</sup>

Scripture Lesson      Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16      Pew Bible p. 11  
   \*Mark 8:31-38                      Pew Bible p. 844

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

Readers: Bob Barnes (9:00), Mary Anne Phemister (11:00)

\*Hymn of Faith      Beneath the Cross of Jesus      297

*(9:00) 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.*

*(11:00) 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      "The Walk of 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, for ever. Amen.**

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

(9:00)      Anthems of Love      Dan Forrest  
   Chancel Choir; Altar Bells; Michael McGuan, Anna Erickson, violin;  
   David Beytas, viola; Micah Clark, Bonnie Wheaton, cello; Cameron Fuller, double bass

*Around us the sound of celestial music, anthems of love from the heavenly throne; the Father Himself singing over his children, his love song a gift that he sings to his own. Sing to the Lord, with a song give him glory. Heaven will hear and will join in our praise. The Father Himself singing over his children, taking delight in the anthems we raise. Sing with the sun as it rises each morning, melody, harmony, lighting the day. Sing through the night, with the moon and stars shining, hymns of deliverance, pardon, and grace. Echoes of love coming down from the Father, echoes of love that we lift to his throne. Sing to the Lord, with a song give him glory. Heaven will hear and will join in our praise. The Father Himself singing over his children, taking delight in the anthems we raise. ~ Susan Boersma (from Zephaniah 3:17)*

(11:00)      There is a Fountain Filled with Blood      William Cowper  
   arr. Harold Best

\*Doxology      Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days      269

**As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,  
so teach us, gracious Lord,  
to die to self, and chiefly live  
by thy most holy word.**

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)

**God above every name, when our vision dims, and we prefer human thoughts to your thoughts, heal our eyes of faith. Grace above every grace, when our suffering closes us off from the joy on the other side of suffering, grant us your strength to follow Christ in hope and promise. Wisdom of the ages, when we seek to save our lives in destructive ways, love us back onto the right paths and restore us to life. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**<sup>†</sup>

The Great Thanksgiving (11:00)      13

Sharing the Bread and the Cup (11:00)

\*Hymn      Where He Leads Me      338  
   (Stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude      Now Thank We All Our God      Johann Crüger  
   arr. Fred Bock

*With thanksgiving for the honor to serve Gary Church during January and February  
~ Dr. Tony Payne*

<sup>†</sup>From *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018*, edited by B. J. Beu. © 2017 by Abingdon Press. Used by permission.

## 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 Exodus 20:1–17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18–25, and John 2:13–22.

## Today at Gary Church

### Adult Ministries

**All-Church Lenten Study | *John: The Gospel of Light and Life***  
*Through Mar. 25 at 10:00 a.m.*

*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 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. *This week's lesson*, "The Miraculous Signs of Jesus," covers John 2–5.

### Styrofoam Recycling

*10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the south driveway*

Bring your rinsed food containers in one bag and solid packing materials in a separate bag, and our faithful team of volunteers will take the materials to the recycling center in Aurora.

## Gary Kids & Gary Youth

### 9:00 a.m. Gary Kid's Worship

*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) and their Sponsor meet in the Anderson Room & Commons E*

*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, Mary Louise Lewis, Chris Loken, Dan Meeks, Brigitte Plesek, Lenna Siens, Jan Sutfin, Jim Trieschmann, James & Helen Wernicke, Jack & Shirley Williamson

### Our Sympathy to

Bill & Vickie Austin on the death of their nephew, Zachary Austin Short, on Feb. 15

Reg & Barbara Heeley and Joe & Jennifer Ruth on the death of their relative, Bill Boyts, on Feb. 19

John & Peggy Pratscher on the death of Peggy's mother, Grace Overton, on Feb. 22

### Today's Altar flowers are given by

Pam Gascoigne and Family in loving memory of Gene Gascoigne

## Serving Today

### 9:00 a.m. Service

**Greeters** Patrick, Kirsten & Andrew McCluskey, Jack, Lisa & Zoe Rozwat  
**Welcome Desk** Donna Trieschmann, Penny Gillen, Jeff Mousseau  
**Acolytes** Carter Gaul, Melanie Kurtz  
**Ushers** Mark Klage, Mike Ashby, Arlene Gates, Norvis Land, Marge Merriman, Roger Sanstrom

### 11:00 a.m. Service

**Greeters** Diana Bernholdt, Kelly Heighway, Allene Harding, Kay Bertholdt  
**Welcome Desk** Dick & Nancy Seloover  
**Acolytes** Annie Macabobby, Michael Macabobby  
**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), Sharon Schmidt (Altar Bells), Jennifer Whiting (Chancel Choir)

**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

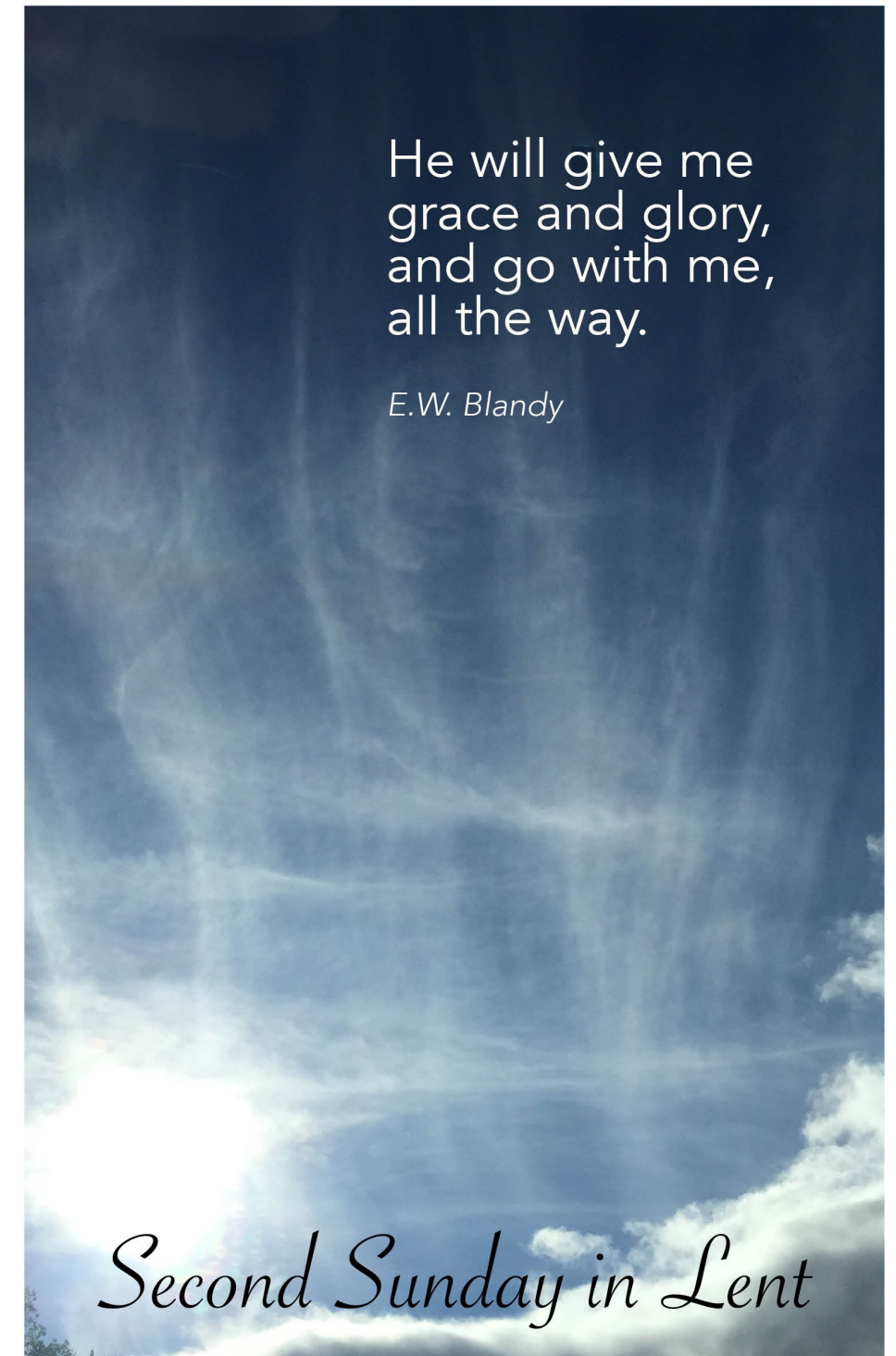
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