

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 45:3–11, 15, Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40, 1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50, and Luke 6:27–38.

Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries

**An Informational Session on Human Sexuality and the United Methodist Church**  
*Today, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. in the Activity Center. This session is a repeat of the one held last Sunday, Feb. 10.*

We will provide information about the issues to be discussed at the 2019 Special Session of the UMC General Conference. See [www.garychurch.org](http://www.garychurch.org) for more information on the Special Session. Childcare will be provided to accommodate the extra time.

Gary Kids & Gary Youth

Kids’ Helping Hands Mission following the Children’s Time

*Preschool 3’s–Grade 5* meet in the Lower Level Lobby.

10 a.m. Sunday School

*Preschool 3’s–4’s* meet in the Preschool Room.

*Kindergarten–Grade 5* meet in Gamon Hall.

*Grades 6–12* will not meet today due to the Winter Chill Youth Retreat. Classes will resume on Sun., Feb. 24.

Congregational Care

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

Jan Adair, Jessica Bianco, Sharon Blanchard, Heidi Brewer, Pat Davisson, Jim & Carol Eaton, Dixie Hawthorne, Barbara Heeley, Pat Hill, Betty Jeppsen, Mike Krueger, Chris Loken, Dan Meeks, Tom Miller, Cubby Minauskas, Jennifer Ruth, Jim Trieschmann, Jack & Shirley Williamson

Today’s altar flowers are given by

Helen Fisher in loving memory of Philip Fisher

Our sympathy

John, Jen, Colton & Adrianna Hart and CJ & Kate Werner on the death of John’s mother and CJ’s grandmother, Patricia Ann Gordon, on Feb. 8.

The Family of Ruth Boltz. Ruth passed away on Feb. 11. Services were held in Gary’s Sanctuary on Feb. 13.

Serving Today

9 a.m. Service

Greeters	Joe & Lois Davisson, Craig & Julia Behr, Dean, Bobbi, Ally & Lauren Updegrove
Welcome Desk	Michelle Younkin, Beverly Bassler, Craig & Julia Behr
Acolytes	Sydney Schilling, Tony Janiak
Ushers	Mark Klage, Mike Ashby, Arlene Gates, Norvis Land, Marge Merriman, Roger Sanstrom

11 a.m. Service

Greeters	Gil & Lola Lehman, Rob & Rowena Hansen, Emily, Melissa
Welcome Desk	Don & Shelley Kenyon
Acolytes	Lauren Upgrove, Jacob Doman
Ushers	Verne Bintz, Barbara Holmes, Kathy Oswalt, Rob Whiting

**Musicians:** Kevin Lange (organ, piano), Sharon Schmidt (Sanctuary Ringers)

**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, 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



Rejoice in that day, and  
leap for joy, for behold,  
your reward is great  
in heaven

Luke 6:23

February 17, 2019



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Gary United Methodist Church		
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 17, 2019    9 & 11 a.m.		
<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	Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE Welsh hymn tune by J. D. Edwards	R. V. Williams
Mission and Ministry at Gary Church		
Introit (11 a.m.)	Joyous Jubilee Sanctuary Ringers	Brian Heinlein
<i>*Call to Worship</i>		
Blessed are those who trust God, whose trust is the Lord.		
<b>They are like trees planted by water, sending out roots by the stream.</b>		
They have no fear of summer’s heat, nor do they wither in the sun.		
<b>In the year of drought they are not anxious, for their lives bear the fruit of righteousness.</b>		
Come to the waters of life all you who trust in the Lord.		
<b>We have come to worship and to send forth our roots into streams of God’s living water!</b>		
*Hymn	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven <i>(Stanzas 1, 2, and 3)</i>	66
Opening Prayer		
<b>God of blessings and woes, bless us this day with lives filled with love, caring, generosity, and deep, abiding hope. We pray that your kingdom will dwell among all people, and that we may be instruments of your love and your grace. Open our hearts with the joy of healing a world filled with brokenness and pain. In the name of the one who taught us the ways of light and love, be in our worship and in our very lives. Amen.</b> <sup>†</sup>		
Scripture Lesson	Psalms 1:1-6 *Luke 6:17-26	Pew Bible p. 448 Pew Bible p. 862
This is the word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>		
Readers: Gene Green (9 a.m.), Kathy Oswalt (11 a.m.)		

*Hymn of Faith	Beatitudes Hymn Sung to the tune HENDON, Hymnal #163	
(9 a.m.) 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 a.m.) 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.		
<b>Loving Father, always here, in our need you draw us near, weak in all we think and do, ever poor but rich in you, ever poor but rich in you.</b>		
<b>From your glory light is born. Here we see ourselves and mourn, humbled as we glimpse the truth. Empty, Lord, we thirst for you. Empty, Lord, we thirst for you.</b>		
<b>Mercy flows as we believe. Now we give as we receive, vessels of your healing grace. Pure in heart, we see your face. Pure in heart, we see your face.</b>		
<b>Peace in you is peace profound. Help us live it all around, peace complete though problems press, rich, eternal blessedness, rich, eternal blessedness.</b>		
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Children's Time (9 a.m.)		Carey Bebar
Sermon	"Blessed Are You"	Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson
Response to the Sermon	Prayer of St. Francis	481
Pastoral Prayer		
Lord's Prayer		
<b>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.</b>		

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings		
(9 a.m.)	Joyous Jubilee Sanctuary Ringers	Brian Heinlein
(11 a.m.)	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	John Hughes arr. Charles Berguson
*Doxology	Creator of the Stars of Night	692
<i>Our congregation is learning this 7th–Century hymn in anticipation of the concert of worship on March 3. This tune forms the basis of the soaring final movement of Dan Forrest’s LUX: The Dawn from On High.</i>		
*Hymn	Go Forth for God <i>(Stanzas 1, 2, and 3)</i>	670
*Benediction		
Postlude	Toccata	Eugene Giogut

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