

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 Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17, and John 14:8-17 (25-27).

Today at Gary Church

All-Church Potluck Brunch

Gamon Hall

Following the worship service, all are invited to enjoy brunch in Gamon Hall. We're celebrating our lay leaders and highlighting ways to connect within the church family. Please join us!

It's summer and Gary is in session!

Our summer Sunday morning schedule includes:

- Worship Services at 9 and 11 a.m. every week
- Kids' Church during the 9 a.m. service every week
- 10 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages throughout June
- Hands-on, intergenerational mission projects at 10 a.m. on July 14 and Aug. 11
- Weekly 10 a.m. Sunday School resuming on Aug. 25

Plan to make Gary a summer destination!

Upcoming Sundays

Table Talk

June 9, 8:30 a.m. in the Commons

Members of the Gary Task Force on United Methodism and Human Sexuality will be available for informal, grace-filled conversation about the 2019 Special Session of the UM General Conference and subsequent Judicial Council ruling. Table talks are also scheduled for Sun., July 14 at 10:30 a.m. and Sun., Aug. 11 at 12 p.m. Additional information is available at garychurch.org.

Step-Up Sunday

June 9, 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Children and students of all ages will "step-up" a grade level for Christian Education in summer and fall. Graduating seniors will be recognized during the 9 a.m. service.

Gospel in the City

June 9, in the Chapel, led by Dr. Christa Tooley

This course explores what Christian interactions with cities have been like in the US: How have Christians thought about cities and the people in them? How has this shaped Christian action in the cities and the suburbs? We will consider historic and contemporary patterns, and think together about their significance for the church.

Reflections on the Holy Land

June 16 and 23, 10 a.m. in the Chapel

Hear reflections from Gary Church members who traveled to Israel and Jordan this spring.

Congregational Care

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

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

Our sympathy to

The Family of former Gary member, Betty Willyard. Betty passed away on May 24.

Today's altar flowers are given by

Gil & Lola Lehman in celebration of their 69th Wedding Anniversary

Serving Today

Greeters Gil & Lola Lehman, Allene Harding, Kay Bertholdt, Dave, Liesl, Alyn & Chase Mann
Welcome Desk Dick & Carolyn Raber, Don & Shelley Kenyon
Ushers Mark Klage, Verne Bintz, Mike Ashby, Arlene Gates, Barbara Holmes, Norvis Land, Marge Merriman, Kathy Oswalt, Roger Sanstrom, Rob Whiting

Musicians: Kevin Lange (organ, piano), Jennifer Whiting (Early Bird Choir), Leigh Ann Gaul (cantor)

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

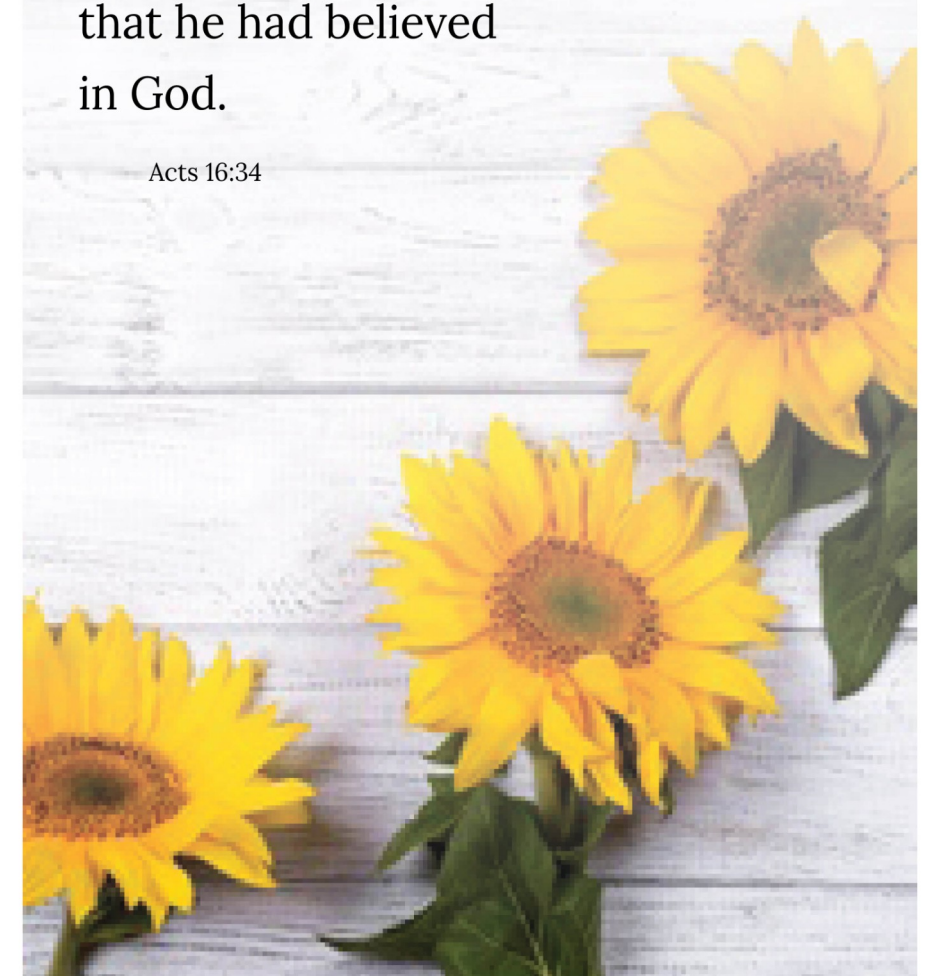
Nurture one another through worship, fellowship, love

Demonstrate our discipleship to Christ

Proclaim God's grace and Good News

Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

Acts 16:34



June 2, 2019



Gary United Methodist Church

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Gary United Methodist Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 2, 2019 10 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 Prelude on CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN Healey Willan
Tune derived from 12th-century chant
Since he did indeed arise, we now praise our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

**Call to Worship*

Let all the earth rejoice in God and give thanks to God's holy name!

Our God is exalted over all the earth! We give thanks to God's holy name!

Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord.

We bring our prayers and praise to God most high; we lift our voices in hymns of celebration.

*Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139
(Stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

During the hymn, children Preschool 3's-Grade 3 are invited to come forward to proceed with their leaders to the upper level for Kids' Church. Children will return to the Sanctuary during the hymn prior to Communion.

Childcare is available for newborn-2 yrs. from 8:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the lower level.

Opening Prayer

We come seeking a presence that shakes foundations and helps build new ones. We come with all our wounds, asking for healing. We come, remembering our baptism and wanting to claim the difference it makes in our lives. We come, through the shadowy clouds of our unbelief, seeking the brightness of your glory, O God. We want a faith to sustain us through times of trial and testing. Be powerfully present with us, gracious Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Acts 16:16-34 Pew Bible p. 925

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

Reader: Janet Mathis

*Hymn of Faith Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 384
(Stanzas 1 and 2)

Sermon "Free Indeed" 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

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling Will L. Thompson
Early Bird Choir

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

*Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, Jesus is coming, coming for you and for me. *Refrain*

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

*Hymn Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

During the hymn, children Preschool 3's-Grade 5 will return to the Sanctuary to join their families.

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

***My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me,
and like a flood his mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.***

**The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

***My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me,
and like a flood his mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace. (Repeat)***

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine,
will be forever mine. You are forever mine.**

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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.

Prayer of Confession

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

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Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Communion Hymns

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns or to meditate silently.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart 629
The King of Love My Shepherd Is 138
Fill My Cup, Lord 641
Freely, Freely 389

*Hymn And Can It Be That I Should Gain 363
(Stanzas 1 and 4)

*Benediction

*Postlude Toccata for Easter Gilbert M. Martin