

Gary United Methodist Church		
Fifth Sunday in Lent		
March 18, 2018 9:00 & 11:00 AM		
<i>*Please stand as you are able.</i>		
<i>Congregation reads bold print.</i>		
<i>Congregational song books are the hard cover Hymnal found in the pew racks.</i>		
Prelude	Concerto for Two Violins and Cello in D Minor 1. <i>Allegro</i> Camerata Chicago Academy	Vivaldi
Mission and Ministry at Gary Church		
Introit	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Good News Ringers	Lowell Mason arr. Kevin McChesney
 *Call to Worship		
The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God. Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.		
We are children of the living God. Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!		
*Hymn	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	384
Opening Prayer		
O God of our Hearts, you want to be close to us so that we can know you in every breath, in every hope, in every relationship. Meet us here today and teach us to recognize the covenant of justice, peace, and love you have written on our hearts. May your desires become our desires, your work become our work, and our community become the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.		
Scripture Lesson	Jeremiah 31:31–34 This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Pew Bible p. 660
Readers:	Andy Tooley (9:00), Tanner Isaac (11:00)	
The Responsive Reading	Psalm 51	785
*Hymn of Faith	Breathe on Me, Breath of God	420
<i>(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.</i>		
<i>(11:00) Children are invited to worship with their families during this service. Children’s bulletins and activity bags are available from the ushers.</i>		
<i>Childcare is available for newborn–2 yrs. from 8:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the lower level.</i>		

Children’s Time (9:00)		Carey Bebar
Sermon	“Spick and Span”	Rev. JoAnne Chase
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)	Concerto for Two Violins and Cello in D Minor 2. <i>Largo</i> Camerata Chicago Academy	Vivaldi
(11:00)	Jesus Shall Reign Glory Ringers	John Hutton arr. Arnold Sherman
*Doxology	Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days	269
And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.		
The Great Thanksgiving (11:00)		
Sharing the Bread and the Cup (11:00)		
*Hymn	This Is the Day of New Beginnings	383
*Benediction		
*Postlude		
(9:00)	Concerto for Two Violins and Cello in D Minor 3. <i>Allegro</i> Camerata Chicago Academy	Vivaldi
(11:00)	<i>Allegretto</i>	Vivaldi

The Great Thanksgiving (11:00)	
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	
Create a clean heart in me, God. Dust off the unmindful activity that constantly collects there. Declutter my heart from harsh judgments and negativity. Wash away my resistance to working through difficult relationships. Rinse off my unloving so the beauty of my generous and kind heart can shine forth. Remove whatever keeps me from following in your compassionate footsteps. [†]	
<i>Silent Personal Prayers</i>	
Assurance of Forgiveness	
We are washed with God's mercy, strengthened by God's love, and called by grace into relationship with our creator, savior, and companion. Amen.	
Greetings	
God be with you. And also with you.	
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to our God.	
Let us give thanks on our Lenten journey. It is right to give our thanks and praise.	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Holy God, our companion and guide for the journey... And so with all the peoples on earth, all living things and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.	
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.	
Holy are you and blessed is your son Jesus Christ... we offer ourselves as a testimony of praise and thanksgiving in union with Christ's love for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:	
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.	
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Loving God, Caring Creator.	
Amen ^{††}	

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^{††}From *Water Works*, by Larry Peacock. 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.

Today We Welcome Camerata Chicago Academy

Ensemble in Residence at Gary Church, Camerata Chicago Academy was founded in 2014. This orchestra provides advanced high school musicians with a unique opportunity to perform in a professional atmosphere under the direction of internationally known conductor Maestro Drostan Hall. Gary Church enthusiastically supports their mission and their service to the community. Our association with Camerata Chicago Academy expands the church’s reach to Wheaton and the surrounding suburbs, while contributing to the artistic development of these fine students. In return, the Academy brings inspiring music to our worship services several times each year.

Next Week’s Lectionary Readings

We invite you to include the lectionary readings in your devotion times. Readings for next week are Mark 11:1–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29; Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; and Mark 14:1–15:47, 15:1–39 (40–47).

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 week’s topic in our DVD-based Lenten study by Adam Hamilton is “The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King,” covering John chapters 18–19. Come explore how John’s account differs from that of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, as well as John’s emphasis on Jesus as King. Coffee and refreshments are available in the Activity Center.

Confirmation Parent’s and Sponsors Gatherings at 10:00 a.m.
Parents will meet in the Chapel
Confirmands and Sponsors will begin in the Anderson Room

Winter Musical + Soup & Chili Cook-off + Auction
Today beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Come see our children and students present *The Old Testament Fast Forward*, an amusing musical by Tom Long and Allen Pote that proposes to retell the entire Old Testament in 10 minutes! Then stay for the Soup & Chili Cook-Off and Auction to benefit the Gary Youth summer mission trip to Nashville. Tickets for the cook-off are \$7 for adults, \$20 per family.

Gary Kids & Gary Youth

9:15 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 Anderson 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, Max Akerman, Charlie Castino, Jim Cohick, Margaret Diddams, Jim & Carol Eaton, Dorothy Erhardt, Anna Gorski, Barbara Heeley, Pat Hill, Terri Jolsway, Mary Louise Lewis, Chris Loken, Dan Meeks, Brigitte Plesek, Lenna Siens, Jan Sutfin, Jim Trieschmann, James & Helen Wernicke, Jack & Shirley Williamson

Congratulations!
Jeremy & Heidi Keske on the birth of their son, Cameron Jeremiah, on Mar. 15.
Grandparents are Marty & Melinda Keske and great-grandmother is Virginia Blackwell.

Our Sympathy to
The Family of Arlene Spizziri. Arlene passed away on March 13. Arrangements are pending.

The Family of Elizabeth (Pete) Moore. Pete passed away on March 9. A Memorial Service will be held in Gary’s Sanctuary on Apr. 21 at 10 a.m.

Serving Today

9:00 a.m. Service
Greeters Joe & Lois Davisson, Craig & Julia Behr
Welcome Desk Dick & Carolyn Raber, Craig & Julia Behr
Acolytes Rachel Newman, Leah Austin
Ushers Mark Klage, Mike Ashby, Arlene Gates, Norvis Land, Marge Merriman, Roger Sanstrom

11:00 a.m. Service
Greeters Tim & Olivia Wealton, Rob, Rowena, Emily & Melissa Hansen
Welcome Desk Dick & Nancy Seloover
Acolytes Ella Rodriguez, Sarah Rodriguez
Ushers Verne Bintz, Barbara Holmes, Kathy Oswalt, Neal Smith, Rob Whiting

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

Musicians: Dr. William Phemister (organ/piano), Drostan Hall (Camerata Chicago Academy), Nancy Brunner (Good News Ringers), Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal (Glory Ringers)

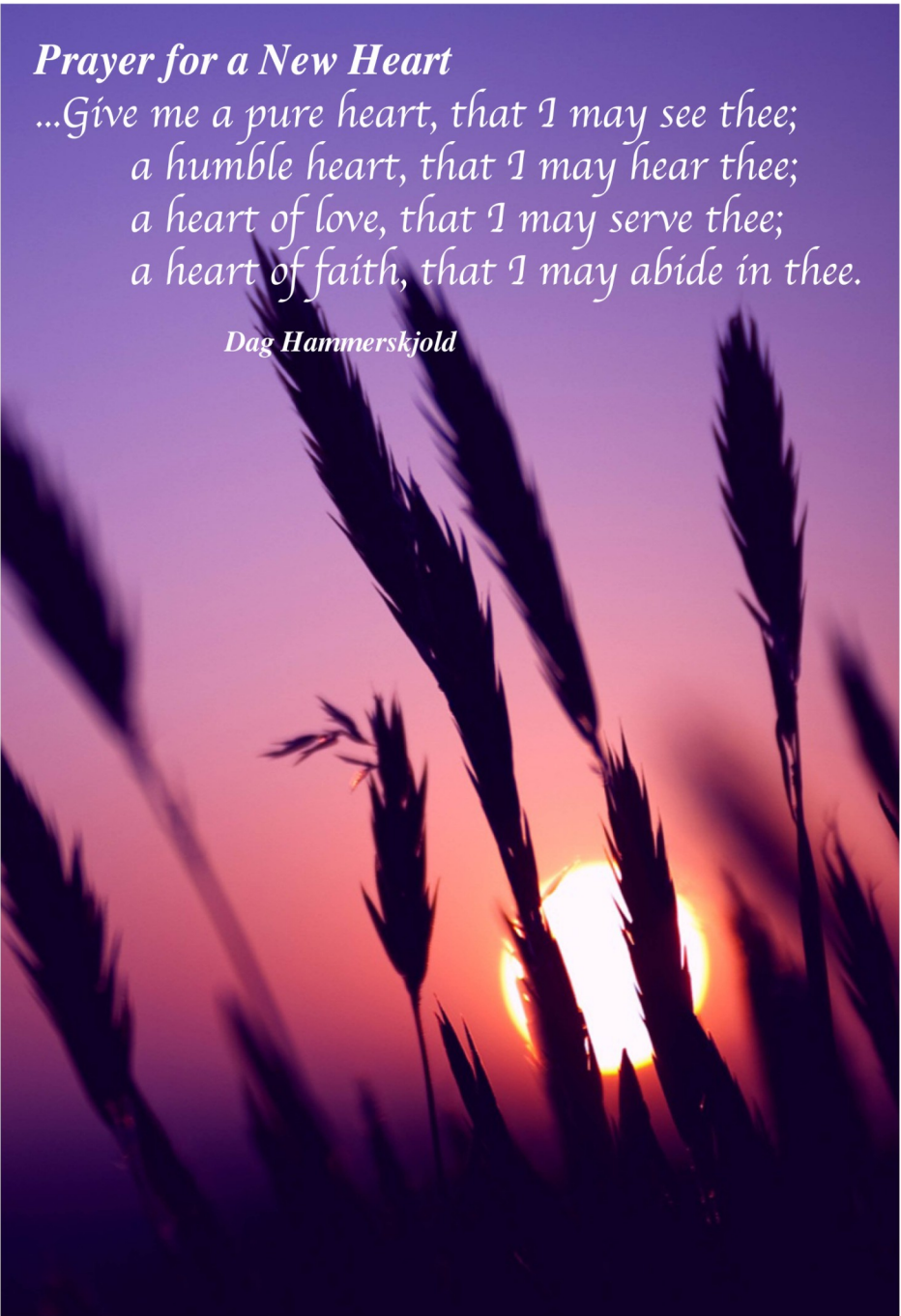
Staff Ministry Team: Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, Rev. Brian Felker Jones, Rev. Bruce Anderson, Jennifer Whiting, Carey Bebar, Kim Austin, Alexa Isaac, Becky Lemna, Pam Keller, Shelley Bornstein, Raven Larkin, Dave Brewer, Deb Hafner, Mike & Donna Capra

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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