

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 Deuteronomy 26:1–11, Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16, Romans 10:8b–13, and Luke 4:1–13.

Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries

Celebrating a Milestone:

Commons

To celebrate reaching the \$1.8 million AllIn campaign goal, come enjoy a piece of cake today during the 10 a.m. hour. The campaign continues through spring of 2020 when pledges end.

Lenten Study: Forgiveness

Today—April 14, 10 a.m. in the Chapel

Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate season to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. Using Marjorie J. Thompson's book *Forgiveness*, we will explore this topic as Christian people in community. Books can be purchased for \$10.

Gary Kids & Gary Youth

Kids' Church following the Children's Time

Preschool 3's–4's meet in the Preschool Room on the lower level

Kindergarten–Grade 3 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 6–7 meet in the Heritage Room

Grades 9–12 meet in the Sr. High Room

Next Sunday

Explore Gary

10 a.m. in Commons E

Whether you are new(er) to the church or just ready for new opportunities to grow and serve, join us for this overview of the ministries of Gary Church. Come learn how you can connect and build friends in faith.

Congregational Care

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

Jan Adair, Jessica Bianco, Sharon Blanchard, Zoey Bohmer, Heidi Brewer, Pat Davisson, Jim & Carol Eaton, Dixie Hawthorne, Barbara Heeley, Pat Hill, Betty Jeppsen, Mike Krueger, Norvis Land, Chris Loken, Dan Meeks, Cubby Minauskas, Jennifer Ruth, Rich Schilling, Jim Trieschmann, Jack & Shirley Williamson, Phil Zeller

Our sympathy to

Clay, Beth, William & Olivia Watkins on the death of Clay's mother, Lynne Watkins, on Mar. 2.

Congratulations!

Chase & Kelsey Kadlec on the birth of their daughter, Emerson Jane Kadlec, on Feb. 24. Grandparents are Tom & Le Kadlec.

Today's altar flowers are given by

Helen Fisher in honor of her daughter, Sandy Mattison, who is serving in the Peace Corps in Malawi, East Africa.

Tom & Le Ann Kadlec in celebration of the birth of their granddaughter, Emerson Jane Kadlec.

Serving Today

9 a.m. Service

Greeters Pat Davisson, Phyllis Bauler, Jeff, Christy, Brenden, Caden & Zoey Bohmer, Cindy Sennese

Welcome Desk Dick & Carolyn Raber, Kim Austin

Acolytes Sydney Schilling

Ushers Mark Klage, Mike Ashby, Arlene Gates, Norvis Land, Marge Merriman, Roger Sanstrom

11 a.m. Service

Greeters Jeff, Kim, Connor & Hannah Shrigley, Bob Hawkins, George King

Welcome Desk Dick & Julie Raab

Acolytes Andrew McCluskey, Natalie Boba

Ushers Verne Bintz, Barbara Holmes, Kathy Oswalt, Rob Whiting

Musicians: Kevin Lange (organ, piano), Drostan Hall (Camerata Chicago Academy)

Sound Technicians: Kevin Carlson, Phil Johnson, Alyn Mann, Dave Mann, Ellie Phillips, 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



Gary United Methodist Church

First Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2019 9 & 11 a.m.

*Please stand as you are able.

Congregation reads bold print.

Congregational song book is the hard cover Hymnal found in the pew racks.

Prelude Overture (*Largo – Allegro*) G. F. Handel
from *Water Music* (HWV 348)
Camerata Chicago Academy

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

*Call to Worship

Let all who have known temptations and trials come together this day.

The temptations of life are too hard and the trials are too long.

Take courage and let us seek the Lord's strength to sustain us.

The Tempter's call would lead us away from the Lord.

But the Lord has defeated the evil one and in Christ is our victory.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*Hymn Hope of the World 178
(Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 5)

Opening Prayer

Most gracious and merciful God, even in our times of greatest temptation, you have promised you will stand with us and be our strength if we will only turn to you. We praise you, O Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Romans 10:8b-13 Pew Bible p. 946
*Luke 4:1-13 Pew Bible p. 859

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

Readers: Patrick McCluskey (9 a.m.), Mary Anne Phemister (11 a.m.)

Dramatic Interpretation (9 a.m.)

“Tempting Yummies”
Youth Drama Team: Faith Gaul, Sam Calderwood, Tess Jones, Jack Mathis
written by JoAnne Chase

*Hymn of Faith Broken, Bitter, Bruised We Come
(sung to the tune CANTEBURY, Hymnal 355)

(9 a.m.) Children's Time
Children's Time 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's Time 3's–Grade 3 may follow their leaders downstairs to Kids' Church.

(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.

**Broken, bitter, bruised we come,
needing presence, knowing none,
angry, hurting heart and mind,
praying God is just and kind.**

**Unbelieving, still we come,
bodies aching, spirits numb;
back to God, our only home,
bringing all, we come, we come.**

**Empty, waiting to be fed;
first the water, then the bread
and the wine, God's offering:
Jesus Christ, the living spring.**

**Jesus, where else could we go?
Your love is the love we know,
yours the way through age and youth,
yours the words of love and truth.**

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Children's Time (9 a.m.) Carey Bebar

Sermon “Walking Through the Wilderness”
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

Hornpipe G. F. Handel
from *Water Music* (HWV 348)
Camerata Chicago Academy

*Doxology Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days 269

**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 a.m.)

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 a.m.)

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 a.m.) 13

Sharing the Bread and the Cup (11 a.m.)

*Hymn Jesus, United by Thy Grace 561
(Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6)

*Benediction

Postlude Overture (*Allegro*) G. F. Handel
from *Water Music* (HWV 349)
Camerata Chicago Academy

Today we welcome Camerata Chicago Academy

We are proud to recognize Camerata Chicago Academy as Ensemble in Residence at Gary Church. Founded in 2014, this orchestra provides a unique setting for high school musicians to perform in a professional atmosphere under the direction of an 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 development of these fine young musicians. In return, the Academy brings inspiring music to our worship services several times each year.