

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 11:1–18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1–6, and John 13:31–35.

Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries at 10 a.m.

Navigating Our Digital World
Today through May 26, in the Anderson Room, led by Alexa Isaac
Feel like your kids are drowning in a sea of apps and devices? Want to talk about digital media more with your kids, but aren’t sure how? Come explore *Every Parent’s Guide to Navigating our Digital World*, published by Fuller Youth Institute. Today’s topic: How can I supervise what my kids are saying and sharing without making them feel like they are under surveillance? Books can be purchased for \$15.

Many Ways to Pray
In the Chapel, led by Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams
Come experiment with different ways to pray and listen for God. Today we will explore the Ignatian *prayer of Examen*, a gentle way to examine our hearts before God and receive God’s grace and love. Please join us!

Gary Kids & Gary Youth

Kids’ Church

Preschool 3’s–4’s meet in the Preschool Room on the lower level
Kindergarten–Grade 5 meet in the Lower Level Lobby

10 a.m. Sunday School

Preschool 3’s–Kindergarten meet in the Preschool Room
Grades 1–5 meet in Gamon Hall
Grades 6–7 meet in the Heritage Room
Confirmation (Grade 8) meets in the Jr. High Room
Grades 9–12 meet in the Sr. High Room

Next Sunday, May 19

Gospel in the City
Sundays, May 19, 26, 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.

Congregational Care

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

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

Today’s altar flowers are given by

Gil Lehman in celebration of Lola’s birthday

Serving Today

9 a.m. Service	
Greeters	Patrick, Kirsten & Andrew McCluskey, Holly Trueblood, Matt, Danny & Tony Janiak
Welcome Desk	Donna Trieschmann, Michelle Younkin, Kim Austin
Acolytes	Lauren Updegrove, Hannah Shrigley
Ushers	Mark Klage, Mike Ashby, Arlene Gates, Norvis Land, Marge Merriman, Roger Sanstrom
11 a.m. Service	
Greeters	Don & Shelley Kenyon, Bob Hawkins, George King
Welcome Desk	Dick & Julie Raab
Acolytes	Danny Newell, Jacob Doman
Ushers	Verne Bintz, Barbara Holmes, Kathy Oswalt, Rob Whiting

Musicians: Kevin Lange (organ, piano), Mike Krueger (Men’s Chorus), Beth Graves (piano, Friendship Singers), Nick Graves (Friendship Singers), Jennifer Whiting (Chancel Choir)

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



May 12, 2019



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Gary United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 12, 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

Adagio

Charles Marie Widor
from Symphony No. 6 in G Minor

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

Introit (9 a.m.)

This Is Love
Friendship Singers

Beth Graves

Patient, kind, and always hopeful, this is love. Seeking truth and understanding, this is love. Never failing, persevering through it all, greatest gift that lasts forever, this is love. Humble and forgiving others, this is love. Serving and protecting others, this is love. Thank you for the love that you have given me, showing me who God is and who I should be.
~Based on I Corinthians 13

(11 a.m.)

The Gentle Stranger
Men’s Chorus

Mosie Lister

*Call to Worship

Come! Let us worship and praise God.

The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian, and our guide.

Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God’s love and bounty.

Surely God’s mercy accompanies us on our journey.

And we will dwell in God’s house forever. Amen.

*Hymn

Maker, in Whom We Live

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Opening Prayer

Draw us together, Eternal One, from paths of aimless wandering. Lead us today toward the community you intend. Draw the fragments of our lives together into some meaningful whole. Help us deal with present concerns in constructive ways, yet point us beyond ourselves to engage with you in larger issues. Help us feel the hunger and thirst of others; then lead your church to make a caring response. May your love fill us and overflow into others’ lives. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17
*John 10:22-30

Pew Bible p. 1032
Pew Bible p. 896

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

Readers: Cindy Plate (9 a.m.), Bill Austin (11 a.m.)

*Hymn of Faith

Close to Thee

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(9 a.m.) Children Preschool 3’s–Grade 3 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 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.

Children’s Time (9 a.m.)

Carey Bebar

Sermon

“Behold a Great Multitude”

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 a.m.)

The Gentle Stranger
Men’s Chorus

Mosie Lister

Once as I walked alone, along a lonely road, and had no one to bear my sorrow
or my blame, a gentle Stranger came and took me by the hand,
and somehow every care departed when He came.
So filled with wonder, my heart still thrills to know the gentle Stranger who loved me so.
My Lord forever, my King He’ll always be; the gentle Stranger from Galilee.
Then as He whispered low such things I’d longed to know, my heart rejoiced to know
the wonder of His grace. I’ve learned to love Him so, and this I surely know;
He’ll be no stranger when I see him face to face.
So filled with wonder, my heart still thrills to know the gentle Stranger who loved me so.
My Lord forever, my King He’ll always be; the gentle Stranger from Galilee.
The gentle Stranger from Galilee.

(11 a.m.)

Is He Worthy?
Chancel Choir

Inside Panel

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
(Stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

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*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

Is He Worthy?

Andrew Peterson

Chancel Choir
Cindi Copeland, Michael Clauson, Leigh Ann Gaul, Bob Martin, Leah Austin, solos
Beth Graves, keyboard; Anna Erickson, violin
Nick Graves, shaker; Dave Rush, percussion; Kevin Lange, piano

The congregation is invited to sing the bold lyrics.

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.**
Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.**
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? **We do.**
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**
Is all creation groaning? **It is.**
Is a new creation coming? **It is.**
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy of this? **He is.**

Does the Father truly love us? **He does.**
Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.**
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **He does.**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.**
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
he has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy? Is he worthy? Is he worthy of this? **He is!**
Is he worthy? Is he worthy? **He is! He is!**