

Gary United Methodist Church

24th Sunday of Pentecost
November 19, 2017 9:00 & 11:00 AM

**Please stand as you are able.*

Congregation reads bold print.

Congregational song books are the hard cover Hymnal and the smaller flexible book, The Faith We Sing, both found in the pew racks.

Prelude Sheep May Safely Graze J. S. Bach
 Camerata Chicago Academy[†]

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

Introit Winter, Mvt. 2, *Largo*, from *The Four Seasons* A. Vivaldi
 Camerata Chicago Academy[†]

*Call to Worship

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

You have been our home throughout all the ages.

You were there before the world was made and will be forever.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

*Hymn All People That on Earth Do Dwell 75

Opening Prayer

O God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond value. Your generosity and goodness astound us! Inspire us to teach your commandments and share your gospel, that all may enter into the joy of Christ. Amen.

Scripture Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Pew Bible p. 987
 *Matthew 25:14–30 p. 830

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

Readers: Patrick McCluskey (9:00), Terry Balke (11:00)

*Hymn of Faith Take My Life, and Let It Be 399

(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 a Helping Hands mission project.

(11:00) 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 (9:00) Carey Bebar

Sermon "Buried Treasures" 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

(9:00) Autumn, Mvt. 1, *Allegro*, from *The Four Seasons* A. Vivaldi
 Camerata Chicago Academy[†]

(11:00) Bless the Lord, My Soul, from Cantata 196 J. S. Bach
 Chancel Choir arr. Hal Hopson

Bless the Lord, my soul; bless his holy name. All within me bless and praise his name forevermore. He forgives all wrong; saving health bestows. He redeems my life from death; his love is ever sure. Praise the righteous Lord. He brings hope and justice to all. The Lord brings hope. The cry of the oppressed he hears. His power is just; his love is ever sure. Bless, bless the Lord forever. All within me, bless his name. As the heavens are high above the earth, so his love is ever sure. Bless his holy name. ~ from Psalm 103

*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Hymn God of Love and God of Power 578
 (Stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

*Benediction

*Postlude Our Native Land Ralph V. Williams
 from *A Song of Thanksgiving*

†**Today we welcome Chicago Camerata Academy**

We are proud to recognize Camerata Chicago Academy as Ensemble in Residence at Gary Church. This orchestra, founded in 2014, comprises advanced high school students and provides a unique setting for young 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 students. In return, the Academy brings inspiring music to our worship services several times each year.

Thanksgiving Eve
Service

Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m.

As we come together to thank God for another year of blessings, Rev. Barb Good will provide the message. Rev. Good served as Associate Pastor at Gary Church from 1996-2000 and is currently Senior Pastor at Palos United Methodist Church in Palos Heights.

This special service of thanks will include Holy Communion.

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 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46.

Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries

Old Testament, Part 3

At 10:00 a.m. through Nov. 26 in the Anderson Room, facilitated by Cliff Hill

This study of the Old Testament using the DVD lecture series by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of Old Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, offers an introduction to the history, literature, and religion of ancient Israel and early Judaism as found in the Old Testament. Join us to explore both the context of the Biblical books and the debates over their meaning.

Together in Mission: Support for Veterans

At 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel, led by Lynne Rowe

The vision of Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans is to ensure that no veteran is left behind due to homelessness, joblessness, poverty and/or mental health issues. Their desire is to ease suffering for veterans and their families and to empower veterans to become productive members of their communities. Please join us as Lynne Rowe, Development Coordinator, shares more about this organization's ten-year history.

Explore Membership

From 1:30–3 p.m. in the Heritage Room

If you are considering membership, join the pastors to get better acquainted, discuss what it means to be United Methodist, and learn more about our Gary congregation.

Gary Kids and Gary Youth

9:00 a.m. Helping Hands Mission Project: PJ's and Pancakes!

Preschool 3's–Grade 5 meet in the Lower Level Lobby to wrap donated pajamas for Christmas Sharing, followed by a pancake breakfast.

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Preschool 3's–Grade 5 meet in the Lower Level Lobby as PJ's and Pancakes continue
Grades 6–7 meet in the Heritage 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, Meridith Brand, Charlie Castino, JoAnne Chase, Jim & Carol Eaton, Jackie Fritz, Anna Gorski, Barbara Heeley, Pat Hill, Judy Jay, Rod Irely, Ivan Kane, Mary Louise Lewis, Dan Meeks, Jeff Nankervis, Josh Rozwat, Lenna Siens, Roger & Jan Sutfin, Jim Trieschmann, Jack & Shirley Williamson

The Thanksgiving Altar arrangement was created by Allen Reed, Jack & Kim Stob, Bob & Virginia Isgren, and Jan Aellig from materials graciously donated by David & Carolyn Catron of Alexander Farms, Geneseo, IL.

Serving Today

9:00 a.m. Service

Greeters Joe & Lois Davisson, Craig & Julia Behr, Dean, Bobbi, Ally & Lauren Updegrove

Welcome Desk Cindy Plate, Katy Goleash, Craig & Julia Behr

Acolytes Travis Papievis, Tony Janiak

Ushers Dave Gaul, Ryan Shea, Carter Gaul, Ralph & Kathie Gehrig, Moyra Gorski, Andy Tooley, Len Witte

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeters Steve, Laura, Ben & Danny Newell, Don & Shelley Kenyon

Welcome Desk Dick & Julie Raab

Acolytes Danny Newell

Ushers Bob Drake, Patty Affett, Vickie Austin, John Hamilton, Don Kenyon, Andy Majernik, Dick Selover

Musicians: Dr. Lance J. Peeler (organ, piano), Drostan Hall (Camerata Chicago Academy), Jennifer Whiting (Chancel Choir)

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, Dr. Lance J. Peeler, Carey Bebar, Kim Austin, Alexa Isaac, Becky Lemna, Pam Keller, Shelley Bornstein, Rebecca Roell, Dave Brewer, Deb Hafner, Mike 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

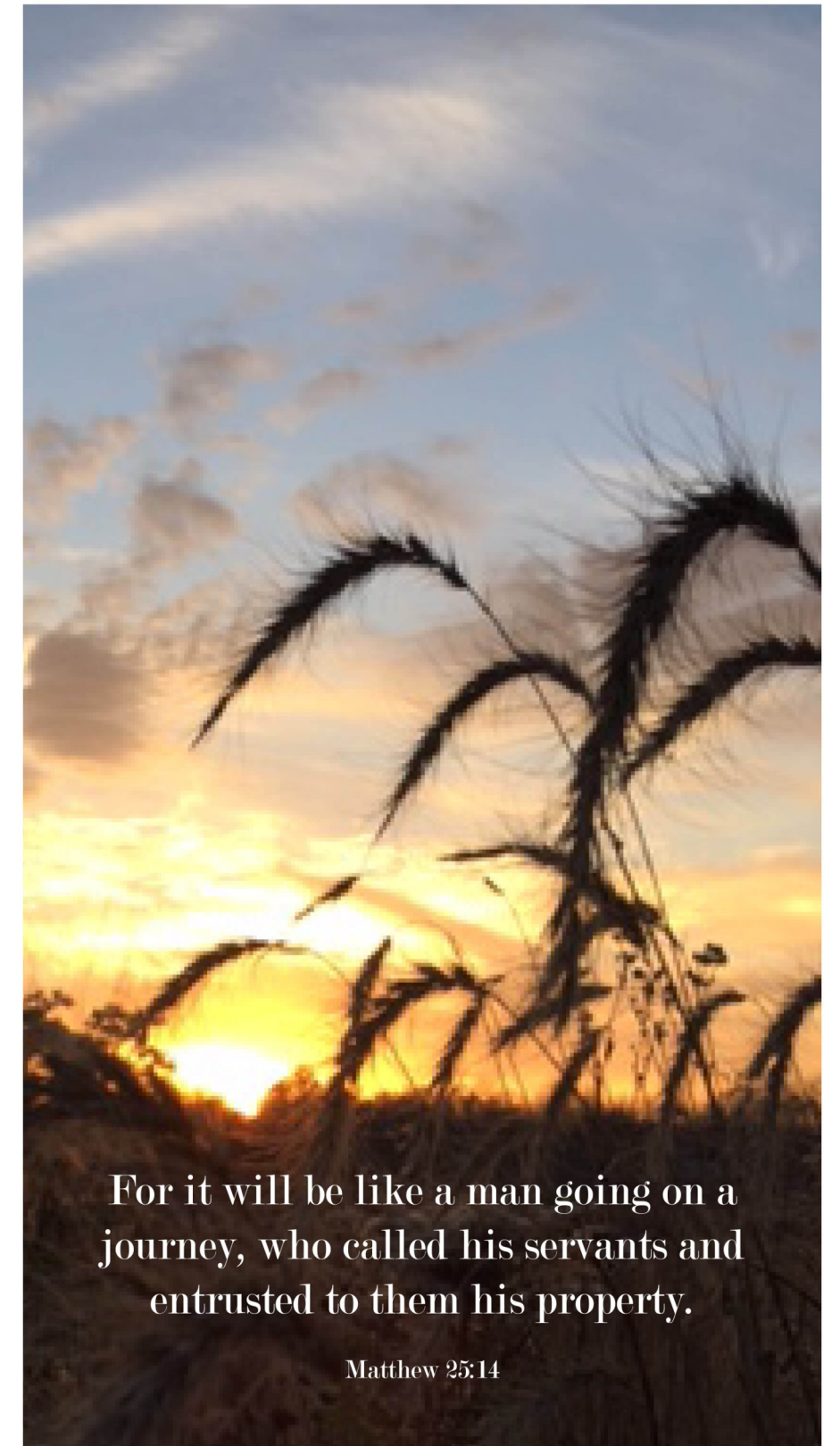
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For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.

Matthew 25:14

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