

Gary United Methodist Church

19th Sunday of Pentecost  
October 15, 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 Six Short Preludes and Postludes, Op. 105, iii. C. V. Stanford

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

Introit Ode to Joy Beethoven  
Good News Ringers arr. Charles Maggs

\*Call to Worship

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ’s words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

\*Hymn Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven 66  
(Stanzas 1, 2, and 3)

Opening Prayer

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Colossians 2:6–7 Pew Bible p. 984  
Ephesians 3:14–19 p. 977  
\*John 15:1-17 p. 901

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

Readers: Joe Ruth (9:00), Tanner Isaac (11:00)

Sacrament of Baptism Insert

\*Hymn of Faith I Need Thee Every Hour 397  
(Stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

(9:00) Children Preschool 3’s–Grade 5 are invited to come forward during the hymn to 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.

Witness Andy Majernik

Sermon “Rooted in Trust, Growing in Giving” 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) Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven Pepper Choplin  
Chancel Choir  
Linda Krueger, Cindi Copeland, Mike Krueger, solos

“Lay up your treasures in heaven. O people, lay up your treasures in glory where nothing in this world can take them away.” O listen, people, hear the Master say, “Come and lay up your treasures in heaven. O people, lay up your treasures in glory. Your treasures in this world will fade away, but the things of the Lord will last forevermore, forevermore!” Well the Lord looked out and saw the people there, tied up in worry and burdened with care. He said, “Seek first the kingdom and you will see the things that will last for eternity. (Refrain) Some people trust in their silver and gold. They put their faith in the wealth they hold, but fortunes will fade and kingdoms fall. So put your trust in the Lord of all! (Refrain) ~ based on Matthew 6:19–34

(11:00) Organ Meditation

\*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 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

\*Benediction

\*Postlude Six Short Preludes and Postludes, Op. 105  
ii. On a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22) C. V. Stanford

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

... And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. Eph. 3:19

1. Je - sus, Thy bound-less love to me No thought can reach, no tongue de-clare;  
2. O Love, how cheer-ing is Thy ray! All fear be - fore Thy pres-ence flies;  
3. In suf-fering be Thy love my peace; In weak - ness be Thy love my pow'r;

O knit my thank-ful heart to Thee, And reign with - out a ri - val there!  
Care, an-guish, sor-row, melt a - way, Wher-e'er Thy heal - ing beams a - rise:  
And when the storms of life shall cease, O Je - sus, in that sol - emn hour,

Thine whol-ly, Thine a - lone, I'd live, My-self to Thee en - tire - ly give.  
O Je - sus, noth-ing may I see, Noth-ing de - sire, or seek, but Thee!  
In death as life be Thou my guide, And save me, who for me hast died. A-men.

WORDS: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; tr. John Wesley, 1739  
MUSIC: Henri F. Herry, 1864; arr. James G. Walton, 1874

ST. CATHERINE  
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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 Exodus 33:12–23, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10, and Matthew 22:15–22.

Today at Gary Church

Rooted in Trust, Growing in Giving

Our yearly stewardship campaign and sermon series continue through Pledge Sunday on Oct. 22. Each Sunday we will also hear testimonials—shared stories of taking part in ministry—from members of the congregation. Let us, rooted in a trust of God’s love and a desire to share it, join in giving to further the mission of the church.

Adult Ministries at 10:00 a.m.

Old Testament, Part 3

Oct. 8–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.

**The Reformation at 500: Its History, Legacy, and Relevance for United Methodists**  
*Oct. 15, 22, and 29 in the Chapel, led by Dr. Andy Tooley*  
Perhaps more than any other event, the Protestant Reformation dramatically affected the course of western Christianity. What was the Protestant Reformation? How was it able to disrupt the social, political, and religious worlds of Europe? What were people trying to reform and why should all of this matter for Methodists living in the 21st century? Join us to explore these questions and more.

Gary Kids and Gary Youth

9:00 a.m. 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 the Jr. High 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, Charlie Castino, Jim & Carol Eaton, Anna Gorski, Barbara Heeley, Pat Hill, Judy Jay, Rod Ireys, Mary Louise Lewis, Dan Meeks, Jeff Nankervis, Lenna Siens, Roger & Jan Sutfin, Jim Trieschmann, Jack & Shirley Williamson

Today’s Altar flowers are given by

Verla Jefferson and Debbie Riley in celebration of the baptism of their great-granddaughter and granddaughter, Riley Grace Krick

Serving Today

9:00 a.m. Service

Greeters Norvis & Beverly Land, Jeff, Christy, Brenden, Caden & Zoe Bohmer, Rachel, Matt, Danny & Tony Janiak  
Welcome Desk Penny Gillen, Beverly Bassler, Mary Landreth  
Acolytes Danny Janiak, Kate Winer  
Ushers Chuck Miller, Paul Calderwood, Sam Calderwood, Joe Davisson, David Plate, Dick Raber, Lisa Rozwat

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeters Bob & Fern Evelhoch, Sally Bintz, Kay Bertholdt  
Welcome Desk Dick & Julie Raab  
Acolytes Annie Macabobby, Melanie Kurtz  
Ushers Bob Hawkins, Bill Austin, Michael Graves, Doug & Tammy Halenza, George King

**Musicians:** Dr. Lance J. Peeler (organ, piano), Nancy Brunner (Good News Ringers), 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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growing in giving

Therefore, as you received  
Christ Jesus the Lord,  
so walk in him, rooted and  
built up in him and  
established in the faith,  
just as you were taught,  
abounding in thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

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