

Gary United Methodist Church

20th Sunday of Pentecost
October 22, 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 (9:00) HOLY MANNA David Cherwien
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
(11:00) Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Glory Ringers MIT FREUDEN ZART
arr. Kevin McChesney

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

Introit I'm Gonna Sing Spiritual
Friendship Singers arr. Audrey Snyder

*Call to Worship

The world says there is not enough, the world says there is too much need.

Christ calls us into the ways of faith.

The world has too many problems, there is too much to be done.

Christ calls us into the ways of hope.

The world is too divided, there are too many wars and too much violence.

Christ calls us into the ways of peace.

There is just too much to think about, it would be easier to think about ourselves.

Christ calls us into the ways of love. Christ calls us to love others as we love ourselves, and in Christ’s love, we know that faith surpasses all understanding. We are not alone. Let us worship Christ together on this journey of faith.

*Hymn We Sing to You, O God TFWs 2001
(Stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

Opening Prayer

Loving God, you love us deeper and more strongly than we can possibly imagine. We can only think in human, earthly terms, but your love is beyond anything we know. You created us and our world and declared it good; you called us to be good stewards of your creation and to be caretakers of each other. Living God, when we feel down about the world we are in or we feel helpless and hopeless, remind us of your love through the love of and care of others. Renew in us your love, hope, and faith, so that we might have the strength to do your work in our world. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who loves us and restores us, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 3:14–19 Pew Bible p. 977
Revelation 22:1–7 p.1041
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!
Readers: Harry Chase (9:00), Christine Grace (11:00)

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

(9:00) Children Preschool 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 Preschool 3’s–Grade 3 may follow their leaders downstairs to Kids’ Church.

(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 “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

2018 Stewardship cards may be placed in the offering plate.

(9:00) Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Glory Ringers MIT FREUDEN ZART
arr. Kevin McChesney

(11:00) Three Romances for Violin and Piano Clara Schumann
Op.22, No. 1, Andante molto
Anna Erickson, violin

*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Through north and south and east and west,
May God’s immortal name be blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Till everywhere beneath the sun,
God’s Kingdom come, God’s will is done.
O Praise Him, O Praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Hymn To God Be the Glory Hymnal 98

*Benediction

*Postlude CWM RHONDDA J. Bert Carlson
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Rooted in Trust, Growing in Giving
Today, as part of our yearly stewardship campaign and sermon series, we dedicate our 2018 pledges. 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. If you have not yet completed a commitment card, you may return your response to the Church Office.

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 34:1–12, Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17, 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8, and Matthew 22:34–46

Today at Gary Church

Children’s Sabbath—*Moving Forward with Hope: Love and Justice for Every Child*
Today we join in the National Observance of Children’s Sabbath, a weekend that unites places of worship and all faiths across the nation in shared concern for children and common commitment to improving children’s lives and working for justice on their behalf. There is so much to do. No one person or one place of worship or one religious tradition can do it all—but we can all do something, and together our efforts can make a tremendous difference. Visit www.childrensdefense.org/programs/faithbased/ to learn more.

Adult Ministries at 10:00 a.m.

Old Testament, Part 3
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.

The Reformation at 500: Its History, Legacy, and Relevance for United Methodists
Oct. 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. Kids’ Church
Preschool 3’s–4’s meet in the Preschool Room on the lower level
Kindergarten–Grade 3 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
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 Irey, Mary Louise Lewis, Dan Meeks, Jeff Nankervis, Lenna Siens, Roger & Jan Sutfin, Jim Trieschmann, Jack & Shirley Williamson

Today’s Altar Flowers are given by
John & Lisa Rozwat in celebration of the birth of their grandson, John Joseph

Congratulations!
The Rozwat Family on the birth of their grandson and nephew, John Joseph Rozwat V, son of John & Laura, brother of Charlie, on Oct. 17.

Our Sympathy
The Weber Family on the death of Cheryl’s mother, Jane Bennett, Oct. 6.

Rev. Lynn Longenbaugh, former Gary Pastor, on the death of his wife, Peggy Longenbaugh, on Oct. 11.

Don & Judy Leo on the death of Don’s cousin, Bill Barnes, on Oct. 8.

Death
Judy Pierce passed away on October 16. A memorial service will be held in our Sanctuary on Oct. 29 at 2 p.m.

Serving Today

9:00 a.m. Service
Greeters Jack, Lisa & Zoe Rozwat, Rachel, Matt, Danny & Tony Janiak
Welcome Desk Kathi Hodges, Michelle Younkin, Phyllis Geyer
Acolytes Travis Papievis, Danny Newell
Ushers Mark Klage, Mike Ashby, Arlene Gates, Norvis Land, Marge Merriman, Roger Sanstrom

11:00 a.m. Service
Greeters Jeff, Kim, Connor & Hannah Shrigley, Steven & Jackie Helm
Welcome Desk Don & Shelley Kenyon
Acolytes Tony Janiak
Ushers Verne Bintz, Barbara Holmes, Neal Smith, Rob Whiting

Musicians: Dr. Lance J. Peeler (organ, piano), Allison Atteberry (Friendship Singers), Willey Lee (piano), Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal (Glory Ringers)

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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