

Gary United Methodist Church

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 21, 2018 9:00 & 11:00 AM

**Please stand as you are able.*

Congregation reads bold print.

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

Prelude Sonata No.1 in E-flat major, BWV 525 J. S. Bach
Allegro moderato

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

Introit Fanfare II Michael Keller
Good News Ringers

*Call to Worship

As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things...

So God pours God’s love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways. Amen.

*Hymn All People That on Earth Do Dwell *Hymnal 75*

Stewardship Prayer

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that yours is “the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.”

We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be.

Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.

Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.

May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.

We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Drama “Hearing and Doing”
Rachel Newman as “Ear,” Faith Gaul as “Hand”
written by JoAnne Chase

Scripture Lesson *Luke 8:9–21 Pew Bible p. 865
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Readers Anna Mathis (9:00), Don Garlinger (11:00)

A Special Presentation from the Third Grade Bible Class Carey Bebar

*Hymn of Faith Gather Us In *TFWS 2236*
(Stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

(9:00) During the hymn, children Preschool 3’s–Grade 5 are invited to come forward to proceed with their leaders to the lower level for Kid’s Helping Hands Mission.

(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.–12 p.m. on the lower level.

Reaping a Harvest Testimonial James Morris

Sermon “Becoming Family: Reaping a Harvest”
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)

2019 Stewardship Cards may be placed in the offering plate.

I’m Gonna Sing ‘til the Spirit Moves in My Heart Moses Hogan
Chancel Choir

I’m gonna sing ‘till the Spirit moves in my heart; I’m gonna sing ‘till Jesus comes. It was grace that brought me, it was grace that taught me, it was grace that kept me, and it’s grace that will lead me home. I’m gonna pray ‘till the Spirit moves in my heart; I’m gonna pray ‘till Jesus comes. Can’t you feel the spirit moving? I’m gonna shout ‘till the Spirit moves in my heart; I’m gonna shout ‘till Jesus comes; I’m gonna sing till my Jesus comes.

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings (11:00)

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Chain Breaker Zach Williams
Broken Together arr. Jonathan Miller

If you’ve been walking the same old road for miles and miles, if you’ve been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies, if you’re trying to fill the same old holes inside, there’s a better life, there’s a better life.

(Chorus) *If you’ve got pain, He’s a pain taker. If you feel lost, He’s a way maker. If you need freedom or saving, He’s a prison-shaking Savior. If you’ve got chains, He’s a chain breaker.*

We’ve all searched for the light of day in the dead of night, we’ve all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight, we’ve all run to things we know just ain’t right, when there’s a better life, there’s a better life. (Chorus)

If you believe it, if you receive it, if you can feel it, somebody testify. If you believe it, if you receive it, if you can feel it, somebody testify, testify. If you believe it, if you receive it, if you can feel it, somebody testify. (Chorus)

*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 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *Hymnal 89*
(Stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

*Benediction

*Postlude Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise arr. Marianne Kim
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Reaping a Harvest

Today, as part of our yearly stewardship campaign and sermon series, we dedicate our 2019 pledges. If you have not yet completed a commitment card, you may return your response to the Church Office.

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ~ Galatians 6: 9–10 (NRSV)

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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 Job 42:1–6, 10–17, Psalm 34:1–8 (19–22), Hebrews 7:23–28, and Mark 10:46–52.

Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries at 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Stations with pastries will be available in the Chapel and the Anderson Room.

Prison Ministry Series

Through Nov. 4 in the Chapel, coordinated by Judy Grote
This series will explore how we as a society treat prisoners and how important it is for Christians to engage in prison ministry. Barbara Garlinger, a JUST of DuPage volunteer for 18 years, along with former JUST Executive Director Judy Grote, will discuss the impact of this ministry on their lives and those they serve. Next week: Joe Vosicky, past president of the John Howard Association, will speak about the work of this watchdog organization to promote needed reforms to the justice system.

Great Figures Part II DVD Study

Through Nov. 18 in the Anderson Room, facilitated by Cliff Hill
In this study, we encounter characters in the New Testament and take a fresh look at how these figures have been interpreted by both the secular culture and the church. Today: The Centurions.

Gary Kids & Gary Youth

9:15 a.m. Gary Kid’s Helping Hands Mission

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) will be visiting an Orthodox Church today

Grades 9–12 meet in the Sr. High Room

Congregational Care

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

Jan Adair, Ryan Allen, Dave & Heidi Brewer, Jim & Carol Eaton, Jamie Grubb, Dixie Hawthorne, Barbara Heeley, Pat Hill, Bruce Keller, Gary Lloyd, Chris Loken, Dale McClelland, Dan Meeks, Don & Barb Majnarich, Lenna Siens, Jim Trieschmann, Joyce Wahl, Bobbi Wheatley, Jack & Shirley Williamson

Congratulations to

Jim & Chelsea Montgomery on the birth of their daughter Shayla Elizabeth Montgomery on Oct. 15. Great-grandmother is Bettye Montgomery.

Our sympathy to

Bernard & Susan McGuan on the death of Bernard’s uncle, Don Garrett, on Oct. 14. Audrey Peterson on the death of her husband, Al Peterson, on Oct. 14.

Serving Today

9:00 a.m. Service

Greeters Dave, Liesl, Alyn & Chase Mann, Chuck & Cubby Minauskas, Chuck Miller
Welcome Desk Kathi Hodges, Penny Gillen, Chuck & Cubby Minauskas
Acolytes Chase Mann, Sam Calderwood
Ushers Dave Gaul, Stan Diddams, Carter Gaul, Faith Gaul, Andy Tooley, Teddy Tooley, Len Witte

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeters Steve, Laura, Ben & Danny Newell, Rusty Haney, Kay Bertholdt
Welcome Desk David & Teresa Exner
Acolytes Natalie Boba, Andrew McCluskey
Ushers Bob Drake, Patty Affett, Vickie Austin, John Hamilton, Don Kenyon, Andy Majernik, Luke Majernik, Bethany Majernik, Dick Selooover

Musicians: Kevin Lange (organ, piano), Nancy Brunner (Good News Ringers), Jennifer Whiting (Chancel Choir), Ellie Pentland (Broken Together Youth Ensemble), Lesley Sharkey (piano)

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, Kevin Lange, Carey Bebar, Kim Austin, Alexa Isaac, Becky Lemna, Pam Keller, Raven Larkin, Deb Evans, Dave Brewer, 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

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