

Gary United Methodist Church

15th Sunday of Pentecost
September 17, 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 Herr denket an uns, Sinfonia, BWV 196 J. S. Bach
(The Lord thinks of us)

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

*Call to Worship

The Lord says:

“Every knee shall bow before me,
and every tongue will acknowledge God!”

So then let us be accountable to our Lord and God!

*Hymn At the Name of Jesus 168

Opening Prayer

O God, because without you we are not able to please you,
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct
and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Romans 14:1–12 Pew Bible p. 948
*Matthew 18:21–35 p. 823

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

Readers: Greg Perisho (9:00), Bonnie Wheaton (11:00)

Christopher Hays Mission Video

*Hymn of Faith Blest Be the Tie that Binds 557

(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 “Not to Quarrel over Opinions”
Rev. Brian Felker Jones

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) 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

(11:00) Fugue, Jesus Christus unser Heiland, BWV 689 J. S. Bach
Edited by William Phemister

Jesus Christ wrenched us from God’s anger, and through his bitter pain saved
us from the torment of Hell. So that we never forget, he gave us his body, hidden
in the bread so small and in the wine. Christ himself says, “Come, you who are poor,
let me have mercy on you. It is not the strong who need a doctor, for I call
the sinners, not the righteous.”

*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 The Church’s One Foundation 545

*Benediction

*Postlude In Dir ist Freude, BWV 615 J. S. Bach
(In thee is gladness)

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 16:2–15, Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45 or Psalm 78, Philippians 1:21–30, and Matthew 20:1–16.

Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries at 10:00 a.m.

Understanding Islam in the Age of ISIS and Islamophobia
Sept. 17 and 24, in the Chapel, led by Azam Nizamuddin
Join attorney and professor Azam Nizamuddin who will help us unpack the religion of Islam in today’s confusing public sphere.

Sticky Faith for Families
Through Oct. 8, in the Anderson Room
How do we create a long-term faith in students? Our *Sticky Faith* team is eager to share what they have learned from the Fuller Youth Institute. Parents and grandparents of toddlers through teens and anyone interested in learning about *Sticky Faith* are encouraged to attend.

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 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
- 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, Mary Louise Lewis, Dan Meeks, Jeff Nankervis, Lenna Siens, Roger & Jan Sutfin, Jim Trieschmann, Jack & Shirley Williamson

Congratulations to
Ralph & Kathie Gehrig on the birth of their granddaughter, Grace Marie Eckman, daughter of Scott & Karyn Eckman, on Sept. 2

Today’s Altar flowers are given by
Bill Hackett in memory of Joanne Hackett

Serving Today

9:00 a.m. Service	
Greeters	Joe & Lois Davisson, Steve & Barbara Wernicke, Allison Klage, Claire Austin
Acolytes	Leah Austin, Hannah Shrigley
Welcome Desk	Beverly Bassler, Phyllis Geyer, Steve & Barbara Wernicke
Ushers	Dave Gaul, Ryan Shea, Carter Gaul, Ralph & Kathie Gehrig, Moyra Gorski, Andy Tooley, Len Witte
11:00 a.m. Service	
Greeters	Diana Bernholdt, Kelly Heighway, Allene Harding
Acolytes	Jack Bianco, Chris Marra
Welcome Desk	Gil & Lola Lehman
Ushers	Bob Drake, Patty Affett, Vickie Austin, John Hamilton, Don Kenyon, Andy Majernik, Dick Selover

Musicians: Dr. Lance J. Peeler (organ, piano), 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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Accept the one whose faith is weak,
without quarreling over disputable matters.
One person’s faith allows them to eat
anything, but another, whose faith is weak,
eats only vegetables. The one who eats
everything must not treat with contempt
the one who does not, and the one
who does not eat everything must not
judge the one who does, for God has
accepted them.

Romans 14:1-3

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