

Gary United Methodist Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 23, 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 *Suite on the First Tone:* Denis Bédard
Plein Jeu, Dialogue, Récit

Introit (9:00) Praise Him, Praise Him Carey Bonner
Cherub Choir
*Praise him, praise him, all ye little children! God is love, God is love.
Love him, love him, all ye little children! God is love, God is love.
Thank him, thank him, all ye little children! God is love, God is love.
Serve him, serve him, all ye little children! God is love, God is love. (Anonymous)*

(11:00) Amazing Grace Early American melody
Celebration Singers text John Newton
arr. John Coates, Jr.

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

*Call to Worship

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

God's ways are just and merciful.

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

In all that they do, they prosper.

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. Amen.

*Hymn Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service 581
(Stanzas 1, 2, and 3)

Opening Prayer

God of the first and the last, give us strength of mind that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship without wasting our time thinking about who is more important. Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may be like children, totally dependent on you, welcoming all with hospitality and love. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a Pew Bible p. 1012
*Mark 9:30–37 Pew Bible p. 845

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

Readers: Elaine McCluskey (9:00), Vickie Austin (11:00)

*Hymn of Faith O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 430

(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 "Start With the Heart" 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) Amazing Grace Early American melody
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(11:00) Who But the Lord Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

*Who but the Lord can give the shadows light, can break into the dark, draw morning from the night? Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, "Here am I"? Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see, brings music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free? Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths of peace? Who but the Lord? O shine on us the brightness of Your face, to earth's remotest end, every people, every race. O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace. O shine on us. Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.
~ Susan Bentall Boersma*

*Doxology

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**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 Jesus, United by Thy Grace 561
(Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6)

*Benediction

*Postlude *Suite on the First Tone: Grand Jeu* Denis Bédard

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 Esther 7:1–6, 9–10, 9:20–22, Psalm 124, James 5:13–20, Mark 9:38–50.

Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries at 10:00 a.m.

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

Special Blend Fellowship

In the Commons at 10 a.m.

Join us for this time of coffee, treats, and fellowship.

Jeremiah the Prophet and the Prophetic Message

Through Sept. 30 in the Chapel, led by Dr. Michael Graves

In this class we will encounter the life and message of Jeremiah, whose courage and struggles in the midst of difficult circumstances bring his story to life for us today.

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. *This week:* James, Called "James the Just" and "James, the Brother of the Lord."

Explore Gary

Today in Commons E, led by Kim Austin

Whether you are new to the church or just ready for new opportunities to grow and serve, join us for this overview of the ministries of Gary Church. Come learn how you can connect and build friends in faith.

Sanctuary Ringers

In the Bell Room, led by Sharon Schmidt

Weekly rehearsals for this beginners' adult bell ensemble are in the Bell Room.

Gary Kids & Gary Youth

9:15 a.m. Gary Kid's Worship

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 6–12 will not meet today as the youth are on their fall retreat.

Music Ensemble

Glory Ringers Bell Ensemble (Grades 7–12) meets in the Bell Room at 11:00 a.m.

Congregational Care

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

Jan Adair, Ryan Allen, Jocelyn Bernholdt, 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, Al Peterson, Mary Anne Phemister, Lenna Siens, Jim Trieschmann, Joyce Wahl, Bobbi Wheatley, Jack & Shirley Williamson

Today's altar flowers are given by

Sharon Blanchard in celebration of David Ranken's 75th birthday.

Our sympathy to

The Family of Betty Lyon. Betty passed away on Sept. 14. A Memorial Service will be held on Sept. 27 in Gary's Sanctuary.

Mark, Kathy, Erin & Ally Klage on the death of Kathy's aunt, Nancy Siewert, on Sept. 10

Serving Today

9:00 a.m. Service

Greeters Pat Davisson, Phyllis Geyer, Chuck & Cubby Minauskas, Cindy Sennese

Welcome Desk Cindy Plate, Penny Gillen

Ushers Mark Klage, Mike Ashby, Arlene Gates, Norvis Land, Marge Merriman, Roger Sanstrom

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeters Don & Shelley Kenyon, Bob Hawkins, George King

Welcome Desk Bob & Madge Drake

Ushers Verne Bintz, Barbara Holmes, Kathy Oswalt, Neal Smith, Rob Whiting

Musician: Kevin Lange (organ, piano), Jennifer Whiting (Cherub Choir, Celebration Singers, Chancel Choir), Mary Ellen Rahn (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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But the wisdom from above is first pure,
then peaceable, gentle, open to reason,
full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and
sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is
sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 3:17-18

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