



Gary United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 19, 2023, 9 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude	Fantasia et Fuga in C Minor, BWV 537 Johann S. Bach	Kevin Lange, organ
Welcome		Pastor Brian Felker Jones
Introit	Simple Gifts traditional Shaker tune, arr. Kevin McChesney	Glory Ringers [†]
Opening Prayer		
Scripture Reading	John 9:1-17, 24-27, 34-41	Christy Grace
Hymn	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	<i>Hymnal</i> 206
Children's Time		Carey Williams Bebar
Sermon	"Work the Works"	Pastor Chris Pierson
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		Led by our 1 st and 2 nd graders
Offertory	I Saw the Light Hank Williams arr. Mosie Lister	Men's Chorus ^{††}
<i>Please consider making a gift online and/or by text-giving to 844-928-1220. Enter a dollar amount and the word "GARY." Checks may also be mailed to the church at the address below.</i>		
Doxology	Maker, in Whom We Live stanza 4	<i>Hymnal</i> 88
Offertory Prayer		
Hymn	Trust and Obey stanzas 1, 2 and 4	<i>Hymnal</i> 467
Benediction		
Postlude	Trio on "Adoro Te Devote" <i>Humbly We Adore Thee</i> , Larry Visser	

[†]Glory Ringers; Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal, director; Jill Stoffels, assistant director

^{††}Men's Chorus; Kevin Lange, piano; Michael Villanueva, guitar; Phil Roberts, director

Gary Church Announcements March 19, 2023

Stay Connected to the Gary Church Family

Sunday morning, March 19, 2023

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Livestream and recorded worship are available at garychurch.org.
- **Nursery care:** 8:50-11 a.m. Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the Nursery (lower level).
- **Altar Flowers are given by:** Steve and Barbara Wernicke in celebration of their 49th Wedding Anniversary
- **Sunday School:** 10 a.m. for ages Preschool 3s through adult.
- **A Creative Exploration:** 10 a.m. in the Chapel. We will deepen our understanding of holy week through creative media like children's art, painting, cuisine, theater and music.
- **Launch:** 10 a.m. in the Commons, led by Beth Orchard. Join us as we see how we can launch (or re-launch) our spiritual growth and evaluate our spiritual habits.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m. in the Commons.

Help needed for Soup Supper: Wednesdays through April 5, 5–6:45 p.m. in the Commons. We need help with set up, clean up and providing soup and other treats. Sign up to volunteer and to eat at garychurch.org.

Anti-Racist Book Club: Wed., March 22, 7 p.m. in the Commons, led by Carla Lovett. We will discuss *The Tao of Raven: An Alaska Native Memoir* by Ernestine Hayes. Read the book on your own and register at garychurch.org.

Grief Matters Support Group: Wednesdays, April 12-June 7, 10-11:30 a.m., in Commons A. Anyone grieving the death or loss of someone is invited to be a part of the new session of this group. You'll gain valuable tools to help you as you continue the journey of grief. Register at garychurch.org to let us know you'll be coming.

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School and BLAST Camp: Mon., June 19-Thurs., June 22, 9 a.m.-noon at Gary Church. Register to volunteer at garychurch.org. Registration for VBS and BLAST Camp has begun. Sign up at garychurch.org. VBS is for those who will be entering preschool 4s-grade 4. BLAST Camp is for those who will be entering grades 5-8.

Flowers for the altar: Many Sundays are available to provide flowers for the altar. If you'd like to give flowers, fill out the form on the registrations page at garychurch.org, or contact the Church Office. The cost of the flowers is \$35.

Plant sale fundraiser: Order from Aldersgate UMC's 33rd annual plant sale by today, Sun., March 19 for pick up on Sat., May 20. Proceeds will be used to support the ministries of our merged congregations. Order at wheatonchurch.com.

Lectionary readings

- **This week's readings:** [1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14 and John 9:1-41](#)
- **Next week's readings:** [Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11 and John 11:1-45](#)

Stay Connected to the Mission

Support UMCOR: Today, Sun., March 19, a special offering is being collected for UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR helps people during disasters around the world, including the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. You can donate through the offering plate or at garychurch.org/give.

Prescription for Life: Pick up a Prescription for Life pill bottle in the Commons and fill it with funds to support Outreach Community Center's programs for older adults with limited income. Your donations help with social activities, a mood and memory clinic, financial assistance and the annual Christmas party. You can also donate at garychurch.org/give or through the Church Office.

CROP Walk planning meeting: Mon., March 20, 7 p.m., in the Anderson Room. This year, Gary is hosting the CROP Walk on Sun., May 7, and we need help with check in, set up, clean up and more. CROP Walk raises funds for and awareness of the food insecurity issues in DuPage County and around the world. Sign up to help at garychurch.org.

Happy birthday! Susanna Wesley Circle is turning 43 and to celebrate, they are hoping to make at least 43 party bags for People's Resource Center. Donations of cake mixes, disposable baking pans, frosting, candles and party hats are needed. Items can be brought to the container in the Commons by Sun., April 16. Monetary donations can also be made at garychurch.org/giving. The circle will assemble the bags on Tues., April 25, in the Commons. All women are invited.

Register for Gary Preschool: Now is the time to register your preschooler for the 2023-2024 school year. Contact Kirsten McCluskey (preschool@garychurch.org) for more information.