



SUNDAY, AUG. 3, 2025, 9 A.M.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

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| Prelude | Symphony No. 9, Op. 93: II. Largo Antonín Dvořák | Kevin Lange, organ |
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| It Is Well with My Soul Philip P. Bliss, arr. Michael Kravchuk | Ezra Tatnall, piano |
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| Welcome | Carey Williams Bebar |
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*Call to Worship

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| *Opening Hymn | We Gather Together | Hymnal 131 |
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Sacrament of Baptism

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| *Scripture Reading | Luke 12:13-21 | Michelle Younkin |
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| Reflection | Pastor Daniel Cochran |
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| Reflection Song | Seek Ye First | Hymnal 405 |
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| Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer | Pastor Chris Pierson |
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| Offertory | Grateful Shawn M. Brown (as recorded by Hezekiah Walker and the Love Fellowship Choir) | Summer Choir |
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Gifts can also be made at garychurch.org/give or by texting "give" to 630-320-0668.

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| *Doxology | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | Hymnal 94 |
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*You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

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Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (*responses sung*)



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the



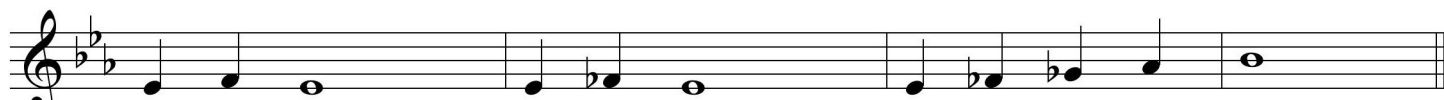
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

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A - men, a - men, a - men.

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Communion Hymns

What Wondrous Love Is This, *Hymnal* 292
Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior, *Hymnal* 351
I Come With Joy, *Hymnal* 617
One Bread, One Body, *Hymnal* 620

*Sending Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

Hymnal 593

*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on OLD HUNDREDTH
Robert Hebble

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Announcements

Our sympathy to: Steve and Nancy Conger on the death of Steve's aunt, Doris.

Congratulations to: Deb Connor on the birth of her grandson, Louis William Connor on July 25.

This morning, Sun., Aug. 3, at Gary Church:

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 a.m. Assisted listening devices and large print hymnals are available by asking an usher. Livestream and recorded worship is available at garychurch.org.
- **Altar flowers are given by:** Don and Shelley Kenyon in celebration of Jennifer Castino's birthday.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m. in the Commons.

You can still buy a "Kerr County" bracelet: Family Campers made bracelets to support flooding victims in Texas. Proceeds will go to organizations like First UMC of Kerrville, which is providing shelter to those in need. Suggested donation of \$5 per "Kerr County" bracelet. You can also donate at garychurch.org.

Call for summer musicians: Do you sing, play an instrument, whistle or have a clapping ensemble? Share your musical gifts in worship this summer! There is room for all ages and abilities. Contact Joshua Velez at jvelez@garychurch.org for more information and to sign up.

Construction begins week of Aug. 4: Workers will remove the wall between the Anderson Room and Commons E to create a space large enough to accommodate adult education on Sundays.

Back-to-school backpack blessing: Sun., Aug. 10, 9 a.m. during worship. School starts soon, so bring your backpack for a blessing!

Sharing A Story open to the the public: Tues., Aug. 12, 10-11 a.m. in the Courtyard. Families with 3-5 year olds (accompanied by an adult) are invited to join us for a sharing of stories, activities and treats. Register at garychurch.org.

Gary Knitters & Stitchers: Second and fourth Thursdays, 2 p.m. in the Commons. All abilities are welcome to knit, stitch and chat. Bring your projects and join in the fun.

Worship in the Park and Picnic: Sun., Aug. 17, 10 a.m. in Memorial Park (note time and location). Bring a lawn chair or use the theater seating at the park. After the service, we'll share a picnic. Fried chicken and lemonade will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. We will also take an all-church photo.

Picnic is going green: The Green Team asks you to bring your own reusable plates, forks, etc. to Worship in the Park and Picnic to help reduce garbage. There will be some reusable dishes available at the picnic. The Green Team will also provide compost bins and recycling containers.

Register for blood drive: Wed., Aug. 20, 2-6 p.m. in the Commons. Each pint donated can save up to three lives. The need is constant, and every pint is precious. Register at garychurch.org. Walk-ins also welcome.

All-church training: Sun., Aug. 24, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Come learn about the new theme for the year, what's happening in the ministry area(s) you serve, plus all-church policies.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

Bike to Church: Sun., Aug. 31. Enjoy a bike ride to church, and park your bicycle at the rack near the Parking Lot.

Music Ministry suggestion box: You are welcome to provide ideas, feedback, or requests for a favorite hymn, worship song, or piece of music, as our worship through music is an integral part of our shared community. Share your thoughts at garychurch.org.

Flowers for altar: If you'd like to give flowers on a Sunday, fill out the form on the registrations page at garychurch.org, or contact the Church Office (office@garychurch.org). Cost: \$35.

Instagram revitalization: The Communications Team at Gary is working to revitalize our Instagram presence. Follow @garyunitedmethodistchurch on Instagram to stay connected!

Lectionary readings:

- **This week:** [Hosea 11:1-11](#); [Psalm 107:1-9, 43](#); [Colossians 3:1-11](#) and [Luke 12:13-21](#)
- **Next week:** [Isaiah 1:1, 10-20](#); [Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23](#); [Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](#) and [Luke 12:32-40](#)



At Gary Church, our mission through Christ is to grow in joyful faith and serve all in love.
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