



SUNDAY, FEB. 1, 2026, 9 A.M.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Prelude Occasional Oratorio, HWV 62 - Overture: Adagio
George F. Handel Mark Edwards, organ

Welcome Pastor Daniel Cochran

*Call to Worship

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here Hymnal 579
(verses 1, 2, 4 and 5)

*Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-40 Robyn Donoho

*Gloria Patri Hymnal 70

Reflecting on the Word Charity, Mercy and Justice Pastor Mary Zajac

*Reflection Hymn I Have a Dream Words on the Screens
and Back Page

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Set Me as a Seal upon Your Heart Men's Chorus
Laura Farnell

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

*Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Hymnal 17

*All of our bread today is gluten free and our cups are filled with grape juice
so that all people, including children, can participate.*

Communion Hymns Catherine Hartrim-Lowe, cantor

Just as I Am, Without One Plea, Hymnal 357 (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)
There Is a Balm in Gilead, Hymnal 375
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian, Hymnal 402
Fill My Cup, Lord, Hymnal 641

*Sending Hymn Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service Hymnal 581

Postlude Come Sunday
Duke Ellington

WORSHIP NOTES

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Announcements

This morning, Sun., Feb. 1, at Gary Church:

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 and 11:11 a.m. Assisted listening devices and large print hymnals are available by asking an usher. Livestream and recorded worship are available at garychurch.org.
- **Special Church Conference:** Chapel, immediately following 9 a.m. worship. We will be voting on an increase to Pastor Daniel Cochran's housing allowance. This change will be funded with a reallocation of funds, instead of a budget increase.
- **Social Responsibility:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room, led by Rev. Dwight Stewart. We will explore some of the Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman's thoughts and the implications for us today, based on the book, *The Inner Life and Social Responsibility*. No reading required.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons. The Green Team invites you to bring your own small reusable cup with a lid.

Getting to Know Gary Church: Today, Sun., Feb. 1, 12:15 p.m., Commons. Interested in learning about Gary? Would you like to chat with our pastors about membership or our many missions and ministries? Join Pastors Mary Zajac and Daniel Cochran for a casual lunch.

Give blood: Wed., Feb. 4, 2-6 p.m., Commons. Sign up to be a hero to as many as three people! Register at garychurch.org. Walk-ins also welcome.

Semimonthly men's breakfast: Second and third Saturdays of the month, 7:30 a.m., Egg'lectic Cafe, 145 N. Hale St., Wheaton. All Gary Church men are invited to join. RSVP at garychurch.org to reserve a place at the table.

Discount for Camerata concert: Sat., Feb. 14, 3 p.m., Sanctuary. Enjoy the Camerata Chicago Orchestra and Gary Church's very own John Plate on percussion. Use coupon code GUMC for a 15% discount at cameratachicago.org.

Grief & Glory, a musical Lenten anticipation: Sun., Feb. 15. Presented twice: 9 a.m. at Wheaton's First Presbyterian Church, 715 N. Carlton Ave. and 11:11 a.m. at Gary. The Festival Choirs and Orchestras of both churches will offer M. Roger Holland's *Tribulation Suite* and Donté Ford's *Three Gospelized Spirituals*.

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 18. This marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day season of repentance and prayer that prepares us for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

- 7-8 a.m. Ashes to Go, College Avenue Train Station
- 9-10 a.m. Ashes to Go, Gary Church Parking Lot
- 5:30 p.m. Family Worship and Activity, Commons
- 7 p.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Living Fully, Dying Well: Thursdays, starting Feb. 19, 2-3:30 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. (based on interest), Anderson Room, led by Rev. Fred Kelsey. This class is designed to assist in making careful, wise and prayerful preparation for meeting life's most important moments. Register at garychurch.org.

Movie and Panel Discussion: Thurs., Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Activity Center. Advocates 4 Justice, a grassroots collective dedicated to empowering our communities, presents *No Other Lands*. Nominated for Best Documentary, this movie shows the alliance between a Palestinian activist and an Israeli journalist. A panel discussion will follow the viewing.

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2026 Prairie Central Spring Lay Academy: Sundays, Mar. 1-22, 2-5 p.m., Schaumburg's Our Saviour's UMC. Register by Sun., Feb. 22 at garychurch.org

Be alert for scammers: If you receive a text or email from someone claiming to be a staff member, be sure it's coming from their email address or phone number before responding. We've learned of several instances of a scammer posing as Pastor Mary.

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.

I Have a Dream



1. "I have a dream," a man once said, "where all is perfect peace;
2. But in this world of bitter strife the dream can often fade;
3. Fierce per - se - cu - tion, war, and hate are rag - ing ev - ery - where;
4. So dream the dreams and sing the songs, but nev - er be con - tent;
5. Lord, give us vi - sion, make us strong, help us to do your will;



where men and wom - en, black and white, stand hand in hand, and all u - nite
re - al - i - ty seems dark as night, we catch but glimps-es of the light
God calls us now to pay the price through strug-gles and through sac - ri - fice
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain: un - less there's ac - tion, all is vain;
don't let us rest un - til we see your love through-out hu - man - i - ty



in free - dom and in love, in free - dom and in love."
Christ sheds on hu - man - kind, Christ sheds on hu - man - kind.
of stand - ing for the right, of stand - ing for the right.
faith proves it - self in deeds, faith proves it - self in deeds.
u - nit - ing us in peace, u - nit - ing us in peace.

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