



SUNDAY, AUG. 9, 2026, 9 A.M.

11th Sunday after Pentecost

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Prelude	O God Beyond All Praising Gustav Holst, arr. Mark Hayes	Robert Sacks, piano
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Welcome		Pastor Daniel Cochran
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Introit	Great Is Thy Faithfulness William M. Runyon, arr. Larry Sue	Bell Quartet
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*Call to Worship

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	Hymnal 139
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Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings	1 Peter 2:9–10, Ephesians 2:8–10	JoAnne Chase
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Magnificat		Words on Screens
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Blessing of the Backpacks

Reflection	Called to Participate	Pastor Jonathan Crail
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*Reflection Hymn	The Summons	<i>The Faith We Sing</i> 2130
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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory	Wade in the Water arr. Mark Hayes	Allison Atteberry, voice
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Gifts can also be made at garychurch.org/give or by texting "give" to 630-320-0668.

*Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	<i>Hymnal</i> 94
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*Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Sending Hymn	Let There Be Peace on Earth	<i>Hymnal</i> 431
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*Benediction

Postlude	Festive Piece Dennis Elliot
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our sympathy to: The Family of former Gary member, Anne Courter. Anne passed away on July 28. Visitation will be held on Sept. 12, 10 a.m. at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, Cary, until the time of the service at 11 a.m.

This morning, Sun., Aug. 9, at Gary Church:

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 a.m., Sanctuary. Assisted listening devices and large print hymnals are available by asking an usher. Livestream and recorded worship are available at garychurch.org.
- **Journeys of Paul in Greece:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. Join Steve Conger as he presents details about this upcoming tour of Greece (April 17-24, 2027 with an optional Greek Isle cruise extension April 23-27). Register for the trip by Mon., Aug. 17 for a \$75 discount. Trip details at garychurch.org.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons. The Green Team invites you to bring your own small reusable cup with a lid.

Blooms for Books: Support Sharing A Story's fundraiser by ordering mums online at garychurch.org through Sept. 13. Cost: \$12 per plant. Pick up plants on Sun., Sept. 20, 10-11:30 a.m. Proceeds will be used to purchase books for children in need.

Methodist Mahjong: Fri., Aug. 14, 7-9 p.m., Commons. This no-gambling, no-pressure, open-to-anyone version of Mahjong meets on the second Friday of the month. Register to get on the email list and let us know you're coming at garychurch.org.

Worship in the Park and picnic: Sun., Aug. 16, 10 a.m., Memorial Park (note time and location). Bring a lawn chair and enjoy worship, food and fellowship. Chicken will be provided. If you are able, please provide a side dish, salad or dessert to share. The Green Team asks you to bring your own reusable plates, cups, forks, etc. to help reduce garbage. And, be prepared to smile as we will take an all-church photo!

Sign up to help with Worship in the Park: Sun., Aug. 16, Memorial Park. Help with set up, tear down, hosting and more. Sign up at garychurch.org.

Register for blood drive: Wed., Aug. 19, 2-6 p.m., Commons. Each pint donated can save up to three lives. The need is especially great in the summer. Register at garychurch.org. Walk-ins also welcome.

Summer Clean & Green Volunteer Day: Wed., Aug. 19, carpool from Gary, 12:30 p.m., return in evening. Join members of Gary's Anti-Racist Book Club as they return to the Hermitage Street Community Garden. We will work alongside our Englewood neighbors to help with gardening and other projects. Contact Judy Selby through the Church Office (office@garychurch.org) to RSVP.

All-church training: Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary. After worship at 9 a.m., grab some refreshments from Special Blend and then learn about new initiatives, what's happening in the ministry area(s) you serve and all-church policies.

Bike to Church: Sun., Aug. 30 (and any Sunday you like!). Enjoy a bike ride to church, and park your bicycle at the rack near the Parking Lot.

Exploring Membership: Sun., Aug. 30, 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. Get better acquainted with pastors and staff, learn more about what it means to be United Methodist and about the history of our Gary Church congregation. Sign up at garychurch.org.

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Looking ahead to September: Our second worship service at 11:11 a.m. begins again on Kickoff Sunday, Sept. 13, along with Sunday School for all ages at 10 a.m.

Share job posting: Gary Church has a full-time opening for a director of youth ministry. View the job description and apply at garychurch.org. Share the job posting on LinkedIn.

Part-time activity assistants and drivers needed: ESSE Adult Day Services has employment opportunities. Visit esseadulthoodcare.org for details.

Journeys of Paul in Greece: April 17–24, 2027 with an optional Greek Isle cruise extension April 23–27. Join Carey Williams Bebar and Educational Opportunities for the tour. Register by Mon., Aug. 17 for a \$75 discount. See full itinerary and pricing details at garychurch.org.

Transport food for People's Resource Center: Morning shifts available, Mon.–Sat. PRC needs drivers and riders to transport food from area grocery stores to the food pantry. If you can help, contact volunteers@peoplesrc.org.

Shuttle bus riders needed this summer: The Older Adults Program at Outreach needs volunteers to assist people on and off the shuttle bus, provide conversation and help create a warm and caring environment. If you can help, sign up at weareoutreach.org.



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