



Order of Worship

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025, 11:11 a.m.
18th Sunday after Pentecost

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Welcome and *Call to Worship

Carey Williams Bebar

***Gathering Songs**

*A New Hallelujah
This Little Light of Mine*

Scripture Readings

Luke 13:18-21

Jennifer Castino

Gary Kids' Church!

Reflecting on the Word

Unlikely. Impossible. Done.

Pastor Mary Zajac

***Reflection Song**

In Christ There Is No East or West

Time for Giving

People's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

***Sending Song**

Do All the Good You Can

Blessing and Fellowship Time

**You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

Announcements

Our sympathy to:

The family of Barbara Zima. Barbara passed away on Sept. 16. Visitation will be held on Fri., Oct. 17, 4-7 p.m. at Hultgren Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held on Sat., Oct. 18, 11 a.m. in Gary's Sanctuary.

This morning, Sun., Oct. 12, 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.
- **Altar flowers are given by:** Pastor Chris and Sandy Pierson in celebration of the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Mary Zajac. Welcome!
- **Recycle Styrofoam:** Sun., Oct. 12, 8:45-10:30 a.m. South Driveway. If you miss the date, feel free to drop off Styrofoam at Dart Container Corporation, 310 Evergreen Dr., North Aurora.
- **Sunday School:** 10 a.m. for all ages.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m. in the Commons.
- **Christian Nationalism:** 10:10 a.m. Anderson Room. Led by Dr. Gene Green and Dr. Michael Graves. This study will explore the contours of Christian Nationalism in the light of Scripture, theology, Christian history and current events.

Welcome Pastor Mary! We will celebrate with cake in the Commons during Special Blend at 10 a.m. Pastor Mary is our interim senior pastor until July 1, when a long-term senior pastor will begin.

Wear nametags: With the new ministry year and new faces, let's wear our nametags. If you don't have one, you can find temporary nametags near the nametag cabinet. If you would like a nametag, contact the Church Office (office@garychurch.org).

Wreaths from Troop 35: Purchase Christmas greenery at wheatontroop35.org by Mon., Oct. 20. Items will be delivered the weekend of Nov. 22. To support Gary families with Troop 35 scouts, select Riley Hicks, Drew Oswald or Luke Oswald at checkout.

Trunk or Treat: Sat., Oct. 25, 10-12 p.m. Parking Lot. Last year we saw over 1,000 people, which means we need many hands to make this event spook-tacular. Donate candy in the bin in the Commons. Register to volunteer or decorate a trunk at garychurch.org.

Birthday bags: Items still needed to help make birthdays special for People's Resource Center families in need. Each bag includes a disposable cake pan, cake mix, frosting and candles. Bring donations to the Commons by Sun., Oct. 26, or make a monetary donation at garychurch.org/give.

Habitat for Humanity: Tues., Oct. 28-Fri. Oct. 31, Lafayette, IN. Consider helping for a day or all four. No experience and no tools are required. For more information, contact Lois Davisson through the Church Office (office@garychurch.org). You can also donate at garychurch.org/give.

Christian Nationalism Today: Wed., Nov. 5, 7 p.m. Commons. Led by Matthew Taylor. We will discuss the rapidly changing landscape of American Christian nationalism and Christian extremism. Matthew is the author of *The Violent Take It by Force: The Christian Movement that is Threatening Our Democracy* and *Scripture People: Salafi Muslims in Evangelical Christians' America*. Register at garychurch.org.

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Grief Support Group: Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Nov. 6-Feb. 12 (except Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day), Anderson Room. Led by Pastors Jane Hawkins and Mary Zajac. This group is for people who have experienced grief recently or perhaps years ago. It is a safe place where those who grieve can support each other, share experiences and work through faith questions. Register at garychurch.org.

Seeking organist: If you know of someone who would love to play the organ at Gary Church, please have them read the job description and fill out the employment application at garychurch.org.

Technical difficulties: The monitor on the left side of the Chancel has stopped working. Thanks for your patience until we can get it replaced.

11:11 a.m. playlist: If you've been wanting a way to worship through singing at home or on the road, there is now a playlist of songs used in worship at 11:11 a.m. On YouTube or Spotify search "Gary Church: Collective Joy Playlist."

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.

Get new church merch! T-shirts and sweatshirts with the 2025-26 church theme, "Love courageously," are available to purchase at garychurch.org/registrations.

"Red Card" available: The Immigrant Legal Resource Center has designed a red card that lists constitutional rights. If you or someone you know would like one, stop in the Church Office.

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.



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