



SUNDAY, SEPT. 14, 2025, 9 A.M.

14th Sunday after Pentecost

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Prelude

My Tribute

Joshua Velez, piano

Andraé Crouch, arr. Dino Kartsonakis

Prelude on "The King of Love"
arr. Healey Willan

Kevin Lange, organ

Welcome

Carey Williams Bebar

Introit

Blessed Assurance

Altar Bells

Phoebe P. Knapp, arr. Sandra Eithun

*Call to Worship

*Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Hymnal 77

Opening Prayer

Pastor Daniel Cochran

Scripture Readings

1 Timothy 1:12-17, *Luke 15:1-10

Elaine McCluskey

*Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
(verses. 1, 2, 3 and 6)

Hymnal 138

Children's Time

Reflection

Pastor Chris Pierson

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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Offertory

God Is
Robert J. Fryson

Combined Choirs
Rose Clark, solo

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

Hymnal 94

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Hymn

To God Be the Glory

Hymnal 98

*Benediction

Pastor Chris Pierson
Elaine McCluskey, Lay Leader

Postlude

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
arr. Carl Haywood

WORSHIP NOTES

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

Announcements

This morning, Sun., Sept. 14, 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:** In celebration of the ministries of Pastor Chris Pierson and Organist Kevin Lange.
- **Celebration of Pastor's Chris' ministry:** 10 a.m. in the Commons. Let's gather to congratulate Pastor Chris on his retirement. There will be a special kids' table in the Anderson Room. If you'd like to contribute to a love gift for Chris' retirement, go to garychurch.org or give through the Church Office.

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).

Why I Am Protestant: Sundays, Sept. 21, 28 and Oct. 5, 10:10 a.m. in the Anderson Room, led by Dr. Beth Felker Jones. Join us as we discuss her new book, *Why I Am Protestant*. Plus, participants won't want to miss Beth's book launch and signing on Sept. 28.

Sign up to support ESSE in September: Ecumenical Support Services for the Elderly provides adult day care options at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wheaton. Volunteer to provide an activity and/or bring treats. Call the ESSE Wheaton/St. Paul Lutheran Church office at 630-260-3773 to schedule your activity.

App issues: Our church app, administered through Shelby, has recently had technical issues. Some people report their directory has dropped, others say their name isn't populating when registering attendance. Shelby is working on these issues, which other churches are experiencing as well. Contact the Church Office (office@garychurch.org) for more information.

Disciple Fast Track: Tuesdays, starting Sept. 23, 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room, led by Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams. This study provides a way for people to get to know the Bible and grow together with others in meaningful conversation and community. Register at garychurch.org.

Anti-Racist Book Club: Wednesdays, Sept. 24 and Oct. 22, 7 p.m. in the Commons, led by Elaine McCluskey. Read the book on your own, *Don't Go: Stories of Segregation and How to Disrupt It*, and join the discussion. Register at garychurch.org.

Redbird Mission Event: Sun., Sept. 28, 10 a.m. in the Commons. Purchase crafts to support Red Bird Mission School, which provides education to low income children in southeastern Kentucky. You can also donate at garychurch.org/give.

Consider tutoring this school year: Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m., starting in late Sept., at Gary. This ministry provides free one-on-one help with homework and basic English and math to elementary students. Consider helping refugee children in our community. For more information, and to register, go to garychurch.org.

Medicare 101: Thurs., Oct. 2, 11 a.m. or Wed., Oct. 8, 7 p.m. in the Anderson Room, led by Brian Felker Jones. This educational class on the basics of Medicare will help you understand how it works, how it's organized, if you're eligible and more. We will have light refreshments and plenty of time for questions.

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Donate/sign up for college care gifts: If you know of a college student who would love a pick-me-up from Gary Church this semester, share their information at garychurch.org by Fri., Oct. 10. If you'd like to donate money towards the cost of goodies and postage, go to garychurch.org/give or contact the Church Office.

Purchase wreaths from Troop 35: Troop 35 uses funds from wreath sales to buy equipment, subsidize campouts and more. You can purchase Christmas greenery at wheatontroop35.org by Mon., Oct. 20. Items will be delivered to your home the weekend of Nov. 22. To support Gary families with Troop 35 scouts, select Riley Hicks, Drew Oswald or Luke Oswald at checkout.

Donate items for birthday bags: Let's help make birthdays special for families in need. Each birthday bag donated to the People's Resource Center will include a disposable cake pan, cake mix, frosting and candles. Donate items in the box in the Commons or make a monetary donation at garychurch.org/give.

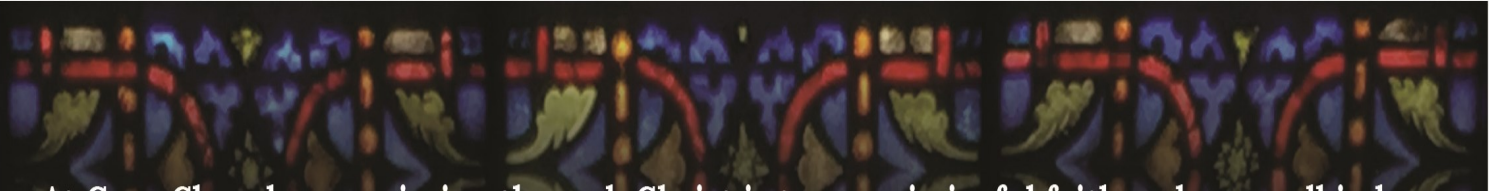
11:11 a.m. playlist: If you've been wanting a way to worship through singing at home or on the road, there is now a playlist of songs used in worship at 11:11 a.m. On YouTube or Spotify search "Gary Church: Collective Joy Playlist."

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

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.

Lectionary readings:

- **This week:** [Jeremiah 18:1-11](#); [Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18](#); [Philemon 1:17-27](#) and [Luke 14:25-33](#)
- **Next week:** [Jeremiah 8:8-9:1](#); [Psalm 79:1-9](#) or [Psalm 4](#); [1 Timothy 2:1-7](#) and [Luke 16:1-13](#)



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