



Order of Worship

Sunday, Apr. 19, 2026, 11:11 a.m.
Third Sunday of Easter

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Welcome

Dan Lee, Director of Youth Ministry

***Opening Prayer**

***Gathering Songs**

This Is Amazing Grace
Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Scripture Reading

**Luke 24:13-35*

Steve Novy

Kid's Church!

Reflecting on the Word

Still Walking With Us

Pastor Mary Zajac

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

***Reflection Song**

Way Maker

Time for Giving

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Sending Song**

Lead With Love

Blessing and Fellowship Time

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

Announcements

Congratulations to: Mark and Stephanie Dalton on the birth of their granddaughter, Emilia Nicole, on Mar. 23.

This morning, Sun., Apr. 19, 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.
- **Sunday School:** 10 a.m. for all ages.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons. The Green Team invites you to bring your own small reusable cup with a lid.
- **Sacred Jazz:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room, led by Dr. Deanna Witkowski. Come ready to sing, listen and experience the sacred art of jazz. Today, Deanna will share from her own catalog of original choral, congregational and instrumental sacred jazz. On Sun., Apr. 26, she will lead sacred jazz in worship.
- **Recycle Styrofoam:** Until 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.

Sign up for ESSE: May is Gary's month to provide homemade treats and activities for Ecumenical Support Services for the Elderly, an adult day care. Sign up in the Commons today, Sun., Apr. 19, or contact the ESSE Wheaton/St. Paul Lutheran Church office at 630-260-3773 to schedule your activity.

Prairie Path Cleanup: Sat., Apr. 25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day with others from Gary. Sign up at garychurch.org by today, Sun., Apr. 19. For questions, contact Elaine McCluskey (office@garychurch.org).

Love Your Neighbor: Sun., Apr. 26, 10:10 a.m., led by Dr. Andrew Decort. Join us for a history of 'love your neighbor as yourself' – not as an abstract idea or moral imperative but as a world-shaping movement centering the conversation on the embodied ethics of Jesus.

NIC Creation Care Summit: Sat., May 2, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Arlington Heights: First UMC. Attend this Northern Illinois Conference summit with members of Gary's Green Team. Register at garychurch.org.

Plants with a Purpose delivery: Sat., May 2, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Parking Lot. Pick up your order and/or shop the extras. Volunteers are needed to help, especially from 8-10:30 a.m. Sign up at garychurch.org.

Caring for Creation: Sundays, May 3 and 10, 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. Join us for this series on caring for all creation. *May 3:* Stewarding Creation with Native Plants. *May 10:* Talking About Climate Change.

CROP Walk: Sun., May 3, check-in 1 p.m., walk 2 p.m., Glen House Snack Center, 800 Roosevelt Rd., Glen Ellyn. Donate and/or register to walk at garychurch.org.

Prescription for Life fundraiser: Pick up a prescription bottle at Gary and fill it with money to help seniors at Outreach Community Center. Donations can also be made at garychurch.org. Return bottles and donate by Sun., May 3.

Habitat for Humanity: Tues., May 5-Fri., May 8, Lafayette, IN. Help to build affordable housing. If you'd like to help for one day or more, contact Lois Davisson (office@garychurch.org). Donations to Habitat are also welcome at garychurch.org.

Open call for artists: Artists (ages 14 and up) are invited to explore the theme of “Courageous Love” for the Gary Church Art Gallery, Jun. 5-7. Deadline for submissions is Tues., May 5. Download the application at garychurch.org. Questions? Contact creativearts@garychurch.org.


Blood Drive: Wed., May 6, 2-6 p.m., Commons. Register to donate blood at garychurch.org.

Celebrating 2026 graduates: Gary Church wants to recognize 2026 graduates from high school, college or vocational school. The names will be printed in an upcoming edition of the *Chimes* newsletter. Fill out the form by Sun. May 17 at garychurch.org if you know anyone we can celebrate.

Outreach Community Center helpers needed: Outreach provides rides for older adults using their bus. Volunteers are needed to assist people and their bags, work the handicap lift and keep track of who gets off/on at each stop. To volunteer, contact Barbara Holmes (office@garychurch.org).

Current needs for DuPagePads: Your help is needed to supply their clients with microwavable meals, canned chilis, men’s boxer shorts, Ziploc snack bags, non-scratch sponges, paper plates and bowls. You can place the items in the bin in the Commons

VBS/BLAST Camp: Mon. Jun. 22–Thurs., Jun. 25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers and participants can sign up for Vacation Bible School (preschool 4s-incoming 4th graders) and BLAST Camp (incoming 5th-8th graders) at garychurch.org/registrations.

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