



SUNDAY, MAR. 15, 2026, 9 A.M.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Prelude	Fantasia in G Minor Johann S. Bach	Mark Edwards, organ
Welcome		Pastor Daniel Cochran
*Call to Worship		
*Passing of the Peace		
*Opening Hymn	In Christ There Is No East or West	Hymnal 548
Receiving New Members		
Scripture Readings	Galatians 5:16-26, *John 15:1-9	Elaine McCluskey
*Magnificat		Words on Screens
Children's Time		Carey Williams Bebar Director of Christian Education
Reflecting on the Word	I Am: The True Vine	Pastor Mary Zajac
Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance		
*Reflection Hymn	Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song	Hymnal 544

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
arr. Lloyd Larson

Men's Chorus

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 95

*Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Sending Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal 451

*Responsive Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in E Minor, BWV 555
Johann S. Bach

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, Sun., Mar. 15, 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:** Steve and Barbara Wernicke in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary.
- **Sunday School:** 10 a.m. for all ages.
- **The God We Can Know:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. This study building on Rob Fuquay's *The God We Can Know*, aligns with our Lenten preaching series exploring the "I Am" sayings of Jesus.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons. The Green Team invites you to bring your own small reusable cup with a lid.

UMCOR: Today, Sun., Mar. 15, we will collect a special offering for UMCOR (UM Committee on Relief) which responds to disasters around the world.

Fired Up musical/Chili Cookoff and Auction: Today, Sun., Mar. 15, 4 p.m., Activity Center (musical), 5 p.m., Commons (cookoff/auction). Come for the musical and stay for supper. Bid on auction items and vote for your favorite soup/chili. Proceeds support this summer's youth mission trip.

Plants with a Purpose orders deadline: Today, Sun., Mar. 15. Profits benefit Gary's ministries. Place your order at garychurch.org, or pick up a form in the Commons. Delivery day will be Sat., May 2.

A new song at 11:11 a.m.: *How Good It Is*, by Chris Tomlin. Listen to the recording on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1111111111).

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

Cultivating a Resilient Faith in a Turbulent World: Wednesdays through Apr. 1, 7 p.m., on Zoom, led by Pastor Mary Zajac. No book needed for this Lenten study. Register at garychurch.org.

Exploring Membership: Sun., Mar. 22, 10 a.m., Chapel. Meet our pastors and staff and learn what it means to be United Methodist. Contact Jennifer Castino (jcastino@garychurch.org) if you plan to attend.

Anti-Racist Book Club: Wednesdays, Mar. 25 and Apr. 22, 7 p.m., Commons, led by Kim Austin. We will discuss *The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation* by Anna Malaika Tubbs. Read the book on your own and register at garychurch.org.

Game Night date change: Sat., Mar. 28, 6:30–9 p.m., Commons. All are welcome for games of bridge, dominoes or anything you like. RSVP to Fern Evelhoch (office@garychurch.org).

Gary's Welcome Team needs you: Volunteers are needed to help greet our members and visitors at our services during Holy Week and Easter. Contact Jennifer Castino (jcastino@garychurch.org) to volunteer.

Easter egg donations needed! Donate candy-filled Easter eggs by Fri., Mar. 27. Donations can be dropped off in the basket in the Commons.

Camp Gary: Mon., Mar. 30, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. An opportunity for kids to play, craft and hang out. Parents will have access to a quiet work space if needed. Register at garychurch.org for preschool 3s-5th grade.

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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Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday

March 29, 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., Sanctuary

A week before Easter, Palm Sunday marks the “triumphal entry” of Jesus into Jerusalem. We remember that he was welcomed as a king but then, by week’s end, betrayed and crucified. We reflect on both our faith and faithlessness with vibrant worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., including waving palms.

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Gary Commons

On this holy night we remember the Last Supper and the new commandment or “mandatum” that Jesus gives to the disciples after he washed their feet: to love one another, just as he loves them. This worship service will take place in the Gary Commons. We will enjoy a soup supper, Holy Communion and an opportunity to wash each other’s hands or feet as a sign of our humble service to others. **Register for the soup supper at garychurch.org.**

Good Friday

April 3, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

All are invited to observe this solemn day commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus with a Tenebrae (“shadows”) worship experience. Together we will meditate on the sacrifice of Jesus through Scripture and song as we slowly extinguish the lights of the church, leaving in relative darkness and silence until we meet again on Easter morning.

Easter Sunday

April 5, Outdoor sunrise worship at 6:30 a.m.

Sanctuary worship at 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m.

“Christ Is Risen; Christ Is Risen Indeed!”

All are welcome to an outdoor sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. on the lawn between the Main Street doors and the Wesley Center. This brief service of word and song will include Holy Communion.

Worship in the Sanctuary will have nearly identical services at 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., featuring wonderful music and a joyful Easter message.

At 10:15 a.m., everyone is invited to the annual Easter egg hunt in Memorial Park.

