



Gary United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 17, 2024, 9 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

**The asterisks indicate a time when you are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

Prelude	Ah Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken? hymn tune by Johann Cruger, Flor Peeter	Kevin Lange, organ
Welcome		Pastor Daniel Cochran
Introit	Holy, Holy, Holy John Bacchus Dykes, arr. Sandra Eiphun	Good News Ringers [†]
*Call to Worship		
*Opening Hymn	Lift High the Cross stanzas 1-3	<i>Hymnal 159</i>
Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance		Kristin Morris
*Scripture Reading	John 12:20-33	Bernard McGuan
*Hymn	My Faith Looks Up to Thee stanzas 1-3	<i>Hymnal 452</i>
Children's Time		Carey Williams Bebar
Reflection		Pastor Chris Pierson
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	Medley of the Cross Watts/Crosby/Clephane, ancient chant / Doanne / Maker, arr. Howard Helvey	Men's Chorus ^{††}
<i>Consider making a gift at garychurch.org/give or text "give" to 630-320-0668. Checks can also be mailed to the church.</i>		
*Doxology	Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days stanza 5	<i>Hymnal 269</i>
*Sending Hymn	Christ for the World We Sing stanzas 1-3	<i>Hymnal 568</i>
*Benediction		
Postlude	Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578 J. S. Bach	

[†]Good News Ringers; Nancy Brunner, director; Jill Stoffels, assistant

^{††}Men's Chorus; Phil Roberts, director; Pam Connor, piano

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

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Gary Church Announcements

Our sympathy to: Bill and Mary Anne Phemister on the death of Bill's cousin, Jim Chamness, on Mar. 10.

Altar flowers are given by:

Steve and Barbara Wernicke in in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The McCluskey family in in celebration of Andrew's Eagle Scout ceremony held in our Sanctuary on Mar. 16.

This morning, Sun., Mar. 17, at Gary Church:

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Livestream and recorded 9 a.m. worship available at garychurch.org. Assisted listening devices are available at the west entrance to the Sanctuary or by asking an usher.
- **Nursery Care:** Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the Nursery (lower level).
- **Sunday School:** 10 a.m. for all ages..
- **Spiritual Practices:** 10 a.m. in the Chapel. In this adult education discussion, hear from Michael Graves, Jennifer Castino and Steve Novy as they talk about the spiritual practice of humility.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m. in the Commons.

Learn about different crosses: Every Sunday in Lent, the Creative Arts ministry will display a new cross on the balcony of the Sanctuary. Look below each cross for a placard with information describing its origin. Information is also at garychurch.org/ministries.

Updated online giving system: This new system should be easier for users and save the church a few dollars. Text giving instructions are on the front side of this bulletin. To transition your recurring gift or make an online donation go to garychurch.org.

Thrivent Choice®: It's another way you can give to Gary Church. Learn more about this charitable grant program at garychurch.org.

World Relief Good Neighbor Team meeting: Mon., Mar. 18, 7 p.m. in the Anderson Room. Learn how you can help refugee families adjust to life in our community. Contact Jeff Bray through the Church Office (office@garychurch.org).

Harnessing AI for Church Excellence: Wednesdays, Mar. 20 and Apr. 3, 11 a.m. at in Commons E. View this webinar from The United Methodist Church and discover the basics of AI and how these tools can optimize church operations.

Soup Suppers: Wed., Mar. 20, 5:15–6:45 p.m. in the Commons. Join us for fellowship and food during Lent. Sign up to participate and/or to provide soup at garychurch.org.

Anti-Racist Book Club: Wed., Mar. 20, 7 p.m., in Commons A. We will discuss *Plants Have So Much to Give Us, All We Have to Do Is Ask: Anishinaabe Botanical Teachings* by Mary Siisip Geniusz. Purchase the book and register at garychurch.org.

Game night date change: Sat., Mar. 23, 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. Enjoy games with your friends. Play bridge, dominoes or whatever you like. Please let Fern Evelhoch (office@garychurch.org) know you're coming by Wed., Mar. 20.

Plants with a Purpose: One week left to order for this fundraiser to benefit Gary's ministries. Order online at garychurch.org. Paper copies of the form are available at the church. Orders must be received by Sun., Mar. 24. Pick up plants at Gary on Sat., May 4.

Holy Week and Easter at Gary Church

- **Palm Sunday Worship:** Mar. 24, 9 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **Maundy Thursday:** Mar. 28, in the Commons and Sanctuary
 - ♦ **5:30 p.m. meal in the Commons.** If you can help, contact Pastor Daniel (dcochran@garychurch.org).
 - ♦ **6 p.m. worship in the Sanctuary with handwashing and Communion.** Children will enjoy a reflection time with Carey Williams Bebar before joining their families during worship.
- **Good Friday Worship:** Mar. 29, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Observe the solemn day of Christ's crucifixion with scripture, reflections and music.
- **Easter Sunday Worship:** Mar. 31, 9 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** 10:15 a.m. in Memorial Park (across from Gary's parking lot). Candy-filled Easter eggs needed. Drop off plastic eggs in the bin in the Commons.

Grief Matters Support Group: Wednesdays, Apr. 3-May 22, 10 a.m., in the Commons. We welcome anyone grieving the death or loss of someone to be a part of this group. Register at garychurch.org.

Prescription for Life: Bring your Prescription for Life pill bottle to Gary. Your support benefits Outreach Community's programs for older adults. You can still donate at garychurch.org/give or bring a check to the Church Office.

Seeking director of music: If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, go to garychurch.org for the job description and application.

Lectionary readings

- **This week's readings:** [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#); [Psalm 51:1-12](#); [Hebrews 5:5-10](#) and [John 12:20-33](#)
- **Next week's readings:** [Mark 11:1-11](#) and [Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](#)