



Order of Worship

Sunday, May 17, 2026, 11:11 a.m.
Ascension Sunday

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Welcome

Pastor Daniel Cochran

***Call to Worship**

***Gathering Songs**

How Good It Is
Every Praise

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Elaine McCluskey

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-31 (selected verses)

Paula Wayland

Kid's Church!

Reflecting on the Word

Pastor Daniel Cochran

***Reflection Song**

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

Time for Giving

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Sending Song**

Rooted and Grounded In Love

Blessing and Fellowship Time

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

Announcements

Altar flowers are given by:

The family of Judy Giessel in memory of Judy as mother, grandmother, wife and rare individual.
Eileen Murphy Amlee in memory of her mother, Jean Therese Murphy.

This morning, Sun., May 17, 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 children and youth.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons. The Green Team invites you to bring your own small reusable cup with a lid. Join us for cake as we celebrate our Confirmands.
- **Caring for Creation:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. Join us for this series on caring for all creation.

SCARCE kiosk: Through Mon., May 18, Commons. Explore ways you can answer the Christian call to be a steward of God's good creation. SCARCE is a local non-profit committed to strengthening the community through environmentally focused initiatives.

2026 graduates: We want to recognize graduates from high school, college or vocational school. Names will be printed in an upcoming *Chimes* newsletter. Fill out the form at garychurch.org by today, Sun., May 17.

Peace ribbons: Through Sun., May 31, Courtyard. Take a ribbon from the Welcome Desk, write your prayer for peace on it and tie the ribbon to the fence in the Courtyard.

Sign books for Gary's high school graduates: Stop by the Commons to sign books for our graduates. During worship on Sun., May 31, we'll pray over our graduates and present them with the book, along with an afghan, made by Gary's knitters.

Explore Gary's history: Sun., May 24-Sun., May 31, Commons. You'll find photos, bulletins, Sunday School attendance records and more from Gary's 1853-1929 timeframe.

One worship: Pentecost Sun., May 24. We will worship together at 9 a.m. and continue with one 9 a.m. worship service and 10 a.m. Special Blend fellowship throughout the summer. We will welcome the return of the 11:11 a.m. service and Sunday School for all ages on Kickoff Sun., Sept. 13.

"Open Chair" Conversation and Prayer Ministry: On fair-weather days, Gary's pastors and staff will be offering a public conversation and prayer station outside the Wesley Center.

Common Ground garden: Plant, weed, water and harvest Gary's garden plots at Wheaton Park District's Atten Park. Produce will be delivered to local food pantries. Sign up to help at garychurch.org.

Sign up for ESSE: May is Gary's month to provide treats and activities for Ecumenical Support Services for the Elderly, an adult day care. Contact the ESSE office at 630-260-3773 to schedule your activity.

May Preservation Walk: Gary is a stop on the City of Wheaton's Preservation Walk. The self-guided tour will take you to more than 160 historical sites around Wheaton. You can find more information at wheaton.il.us/preservationmonth.

Return prescription bottles: Drop off your Prescription for Life bottles in the Church Office. We reuse these each year and we share them with another church.

Plants with a Purpose: Return empty flats (just the large black or white trays) to the recycling bins near the bench outside Door 5, so we can reuse them next year.

Donate old crayons to SCARCE: Bring old crayons to Gary during the month of May. SCARCE will melt the crayons and mold them into new, larger shapes for differently-abled students!

Art Gallery Courageous Love: Fri., June 5, 5:30-8 p.m., Sat., June 6, 4-8 p.m., Commons. Gary's Art Gallery will feature original artwork from local artists and members of our own congregation. Friday is the gallery opening, with remarks at 6:30 p.m. Selected works will remain visible during Special Blend on Sun., Jun. 7.

Call for summer musicians: Contact Joshua Velez (jvelez@garychurch.org) to sign up.

VBS/BLAST Camp: Mon., June 22–Thurs., June 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.

Register for Family Camp: Fri., July 17–Sun., July 20, Westfield, WI. Families of all ages and sizes are invited to Pine Lake Camp to spend a weekend growing closer to God and each other through nature, worship and play. Register at garychurch.org.

Illinois Pilgrimage: Thurs., June 25–Sun., June 28 (Orientation: Tues., June 2, 7–8 p.m. via Zoom). Join the NIL Conference's General Commission on Religion and Race Pilgrimage Committee for a journey across IL as we explore tensions between the state's celebrated identity and its racial history. For details, and to register, go to garychurch.org/registrations.

Summer Book and Film Fellowship: Led by Pastor Daniel Cochran.

- **Book Discussion:** Sun., July 26, 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. Join us for a guided discussion on the novella, *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. Go ahead and pick up a copy and begin reading now!
- **Film Fellowship:** Wed., July, 29, 6:30 p.m., Anderson Room. We will gather to watch and discuss the film adaptation directed by Tim Mielants, starring Cillian Murphy and Emily Watson.

Worship Notes

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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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