



SUNDAY, OCT 18, 2026, 9 A.M.

21st Sunday after Pentecost, Laity Sunday

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Prelude	Prelude in B, BWV 863 Johann S. Bach	Robert Sacks, organ
Welcome		Pastor Jonathan Crail
*Call to Worship		Betsy Boyd
*Passing of the Peace		
*Opening Hymn	How Firm A Foundation	Hymnal 529
Opening Prayer		
Scripture Readings	Exodus 31:1-6, 2 Timothy 1:3-5	Cheryll Kelly
Magnificat		Words on screens
Children's Time		Nancy Conger
Reflection	Called to Love	Joe Matuch, Lay Speaker
*Reflection Hymn	Called as Partners in Christ's Service	Words on screens and page 2 of bulletin
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Daniel Cochran
Offertory	Day by Day Thomas Keesecker, attr. Richard of Chichester, Alan J. Hommerding	Men's Chorus

Gifts can also be made at garychurch.org/give or by texting "give" to 630-320-0668.

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

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*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal 94

*Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Sending Hymn

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

Hymnal 438

*Faith in Action and Benediction

Postlude

Variations on "Duke Street"

arr. Hal Hopson

Called as Partners in Christ's Service



1. Called as part - ners in Christ's ser - vice, called to min - is - tries of grace,
2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3. Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, in a small or glob - al sense,
4. So God grant us for to - mor - row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re - spond with deep com - mit - ment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol - low, nev - er fal - t'ring, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens, break - ing down each wall or fence.
that sur - round each per - son's sor - row with a calm that con - quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar - ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom - en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal - lenge, said with care,
Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, our com - pas - sion to in - crease,



e - qual part - ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er, gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
bring new pow'r and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.
mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers:

- **Last week's altar flowers** were given by Ron and Kim Austin in celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Claire, to Mike Romano, in Gary's Sanctuary on Sat., Oct. 10.
- **Today's altar flowers** are given by Holly Trueblood in memory of her mother, Arlene, who would have been 100 last week.

This morning, Sun., Oct. 18, 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.
- **Recycle Styrofoam:** 8:45-10:30 a.m., South Driveway. Can you help with collection or driving duties? If so, contact Elaine McCluskey (office@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.
- **Canopy of Creation:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. Learn about tree inequity and how programs such as the Chicago Region Tree Initiative are working to correct inequities and how God might be calling us to participate in this aspect of caring for God's creation.
- **Sign cards for college students:** Commons Alcove. Gary Church is sending care packages to college students with words of encouragement. Donate to the cost of goodies and postage, at garychurch.org/give.

Stewardship: We invite you to listen, love, lead and prayerfully consider how sharing your time, talents and treasure can reflect God's abundance in your life and have an impact at Gary Church and in the world. Fill out a stewardship card or go to garychurch.org to complete the online form.

Boy Scout Troop 35 Christmas wreaths and greenery: Order by Mon., Oct. 19, at wheatontroop35.org and select one of Gary's scouts: Riley Hicks, Grant Olson, Drew Oswald, Luke Oswald. Orders will be delivered to your home the week of Thanksgiving.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 3 p.m., Commons A. All women are invited to join this video series, *Great Courses: Jesus and His Jewish Influence*, exploring the context of Jesus' world and how that continues to influence us today. Contact Holly Trueblood (office@garychurch.org) for more information.

Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Anderson Room, Oct. 20-Nov. 24. All men are invited to join this study that will focus on six Psalms, using the biblical Book of Psalms and *The Heart of the Psalms* by Rev. Dr. James Howell. Contact Steve Novy (office@garychurch.org) for more information.

Help Habitat for Humanity: Tues., Oct. 27-Fri., Oct. 30, Lafayette, IN. Come for a day or more. No tools or experience required to help build homes for people in need. Can't build? Consider a financial donation at garychurch.org. Contact Lois Davisson (office@garychurch.org).

Anti-Racist Book Club: Wed., Oct. 28, 7 p.m., Commons, led by Carey Williams Bebar. Read *Rest Is Resistance*, by Tricia Hersey on your own and register at garychurch.org.

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All Saints' Day Worship: Sun., Nov. 1, 9 and 11:11 a.m., Sanctuary. You'll have the opportunity to name aloud and pray over our beloved saints, light candles in their honor and partake in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are unable to attend and have a name you would like to have read aloud, contact Pastor Daniel Cochran (dcochran@garychurch.org).

Camp Gary for Preschool 3s-5th grade: Mon., Nov. 2, Lower Level, Full Day: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (campers will need to bring their own lunch). Half Day: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Activities include games, stories, crafts and snacks. Parents/caretakers can have access to a quiet workspace. Register at garychurch.org.

Grief Support Group: Thursdays, Nov. 5-Feb. 11, 1 p.m., Anderson Room. Open to everyone (including past participants), this group offers a space to share, listen, remember and find support. If you or someone you know might find comfort in this group, register at garychurch.org.

Sign up to create pottery: Sat., Nov. 7, 10 a.m., Gamon Hall. Participants will create a pottery piece, guided by instructor Lisa Grigsby. For details and to register, go to garychurch.org.

Prairie Central Fall 2026 Lay Academy: Saturdays, Nov. 7 and 14, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 155 S. Main St., Lombard. Learn more and register at garychurch.org.

Give blood on Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday: Nov. 8, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Gary Church. Each pint donated can save up to three lives. Register at garychurch.org. Walk-ins welcome.

Bountiful Love Thanksgiving Potluck: Sun. Nov. 15, 12:30 p.m., Commons. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share, plus your plates and utensils. Main dish will be provided. RSVP and/or volunteer at garychurch.org.

Gary Homework Club needs drivers/riders: Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m., Lower Level. Pickup 5-5:30 p.m., dropoff 7-7:30 p.m. Volunteer for either time at garychurch.org.

Share job posting: Gary Church has an opening for a full-time director of youth ministry. View the job description and apply at garychurch.org.

Blessing Bag project: Monetary donations needed to help fill backpacks (blankets, gloves, food, etc.) to be given to unhoused people in DuPage County. Donate at garychurch.org/give. Contact Ellie Pentland (office@garychurch.org) for details on donating specific items and volunteering.

Order church merch: T-shirts, sweatshirts and more with *Listening, Loving, Leading*, the theme for our 2026-27 ministry year, can be purchased at garychurch.org.

Save your bulletin for a friend: Planning to participate in a class or event? Feel free to highlight announcements and give the bulletin to a friend as an invitation to come with you.



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