



SUNDAY, SEPT. 20, 2026, 9 A.M.

17th Sunday after Pentecost

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Prelude

Adoration
Florence Price

Robert Sacks, organ

Welcome

Pastor Daniel Cochran

*Call to Worship

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn

Blessed Assurance

Hymnal 369

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Pastor Jonathan Crail

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:5-6, 1 Timothy 2:11-15

Adrianna Hart

Magnificat

Words on Screens

Children's Time

Carey Williams Bebar
Director of Children's Ministries

Reflection

Biblical Application: Women and Slavery

Pastor Jonathan Crail

*Reflection Hymn

Of Women and of Women's Hopes We Sing

Words on Screens
and back page of bulletin

*You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

The Meditations of My Heart
Elaine Hagenberg (based on Psalm 19:14)

Chancel Choir

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 94

*Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

Reception of New Members

*Sending Hymn

Go Now in Peace

Hymnal 665

*Benediction

Postlude

Festivity on "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Elizabeth A. Krouse

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to: Chuck and Cubby Minauskas on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Lyla Ann, on Sept. 11.

This morning, Sun., Sept. 20, 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:** The Mathis family in celebration of Marilyn Stangeland's 80th birthday.
- **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.
- **How to Read the Bible:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room, led by Dr. Michael Graves and Dr. Daniel Somboonsiri. This series will explore practical approaches to reading Scripture, considering its historical context, literary genres and theological themes.

Medicare 101: Mon., Sept. 21, 11 a.m. or 7 p.m., Anderson Room, led by Brian Felker Jones. Learn the basics of Medicare. Enjoy light refreshments and plenty of time for questions.

Epic of Eden Bible Study: Mondays starting Sept. 21, 7 p.m., led by Dr. Daniel Somboonsiri, Heritage Room. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the Old Testament's history, culture and how it continues to shape our faith today. RSVP to Carey Williams Bebar (cbebar@garychurch.org).

Tutoring program needs volunteers: Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m., Lower Level. Drivers, adult passengers, set-up, tutors and leaders of special activities are needed. Register at garychurch.org.

Anti-Racist Book Club: Wednesdays, Sept. 23 and 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.

Environment and Spirituality Summit Watch Party: Tues., Sept. 29, 6 p.m., Anderson Room. Livestream together the keynote talk from environmentalist Bill McKibben. Register at garychurch.org.

Celebrating World Communion Sunday: Oct. 4, 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., Sanctuary. We will share scripture passages in a variety of languages. If you are comfortable reading aloud in a language other than English, contact Pastor Daniel Cochran (dcochran@garychurch.org).

Pet Blessing: Sun., Oct. 4, 3-4 p.m., Courtyard. All people and their pets of all kinds (stuffed animals, too!) are invited to our annual "Blessing of the Animals." The event will begin with a reading from Scripture, a brief prayer and then individual blessings for all critters (weather permitting).

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 or Luke Oswald. Orders will be delivered to your home the week of Thanksgiving.

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).

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.

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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. Share the job posting on LinkedIn.

11:11 a.m. playlist: If you've been wanting a way to worship through singing at home or on the road, there is now a playlist of songs used in worship at 11:11 a.m. On [YouTube](#) or [Spotify](#) search "Gary Church: Collective Joy Playlist."

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.

Of Women and of Women's Hopes We Sing



1. Of wom - en and of wom - en's hopes we sing:
2. We praise the God whose im - age is our own,
3. We la - bor for the com - mon - wealth of God
4. For - giv - ing what is past, we seek the new:

of shar - ing in cre - a - tion's nur - tur - ing,
the mys - ter - y with - in our flesh and bone,
and, e - qual as dis - ci - ples, walk the road,
a fin - er jus - tice and a peace more true,

of bear - ing and of birth - ing new be - lief,
the wom - an - spir - it mov - ing through all time
in work and sta - tus, ask - ing what is just,
the prom - ise of em - power - ing for our day

of pas - sion for the prom - is - es of life.
in proph - e - cy, Mag - ni - fi - cat, and dream.
for sis - ters of the fam - i - ly of Christ.
when men and wom - en roll the stone a - way.

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