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SUNDAY, AUG. 24, 2025, 9 A.M. (continued)

Offertory

Watashi no Uso
Masaru Yokoyama, arr. PianoDeuss

Gus Foster, piano

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

*Hymn

The Servant Song

The Faith We Sing 2222

*Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 552
Johann S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

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

Announcements

Congratulations to: Linda and Pedro Solis on the birth of their son, Noah, on Aug. 15.

Our sympathy to: The Keske family on the death of Marty's aunt, Clare Stadler, on Aug. 9.

Altar flowers are given by:

Christy LaFave Grace and Joe Grace in memory of Nathan Joseph Grace on his 11th birthday.
Ed & Alice Williams in celebration of their 59th Wedding Anniversary.

This morning, Sun., Aug. 24, at Gary Church:

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 a.m. Assisted listening devices and large print hymnals are available by asking an usher. Livestream and recorded worship is available at garychurch.org.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m. in the Commons.
- **All-Church Training:** 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, Come learn about the new theme for the year, what's happening in the ministry area(s) you serve, plus all-church policies.

You can still buy a “Kerr County” bracelet: Family Campers made bracelets to support flooding victims in Texas. Proceeds will go to organizations like First UMC of Kerrville, which is providing shelter to those in need. Suggested donation of \$5 per “Kerr County” bracelet. You can also donate at garychurch.org.

Bike to Church: Sun., Aug. 31. Enjoy a bike ride to church, and park your bicycle at the rack near the Parking Lot.

Thank you, Kevin Lange! Sun., Aug. 31, 10 a.m. in the Commons. We've enjoyed Kevin Lange's organ and piano playing for seven years. Let's thank him for his music ministry with cake and fellowship. If you'd like to contribute to a love gift, go to garychurch.org or give through the Church Office

Volunteer for ESSE in Sept: Ecumenical Support Services for the Elderly provides adult day care options at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wheaton. Here are some ways to volunteer: play music, help with games and projects, read, bring your pet, show slides/videos, provide 20 homemade treats. Sign up on Sun., Aug. 31, in the Commons, or contact ESSE at 630-260-3773.

Kickoff Sunday: Sept. 7. Worship at 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., plus Sunday School for all ages between services.

Adult Christian Education Ministry Fair: Sunday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. in the Anderson Room. See the new adult Christian education space and learn about the many ministries for adults offered this fall.

Sign up for men's pickleball: Mondays, 7 p.m., starting Sept. 8, in the Activity Center. Let's get together for some fellowship, laughs and a little bit of exercise. No experience necessary. Bring your own pickleball racquet and ball. Register at garychurch.org. Contact Mark Mathis through the Church Office for more information.

Family Music Adventure Night: Wed., Sept. 10, 5:30 p.m., Upper Level Lobby. Children age 3-6th grade and their families are welcome, and bring friends! Kids will explore music stations (bells, instruments, singing, etc.) while parents learn about the importance of music for young people. Regular children's music programming begins Wed., Sept. 17. Contact Joshua Velez (jvelez@garychurch.org) with questions.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

Creative Arts: Sat., Sept. 13, 10-11:30 a.m. in Adams Park, led by Pam Keller. All are welcome to join us for a session of plein air ("open air") watercolor painting. Watercolor paints, canvas, brushes and containers will be provided. Bring a camping chair. In inclement weather, please bring an image of a favorite landscape to paint inside. Suggested donation: \$12 for materials. Register at garychurch.org.

Men's Breakfast: Sat., Sept. 13, 7:30 a.m. at Egg'lectic Café, 145 N. Hale St., Wheaton. All men are invited to join in this fellowship time and discuss future gatherings. RSVP to Steve Novy through the Church Office (office@garychurch.org) to reserve a place at the table.

One 9 a.m. worship service on Sun., Sept. 14: Let's worship together on the final Sunday with Pastor Chris Pierson as our senior pastor. We will worship at 9 a.m., followed by a time of congratulations in the Commons at 10 a.m. If you'd like to contribute to a love gift for his retirement, go to garychurch.org or give through the Church Office.

Fall study groups begin: For more information contact the Church Office (office@garychurch.org).

- **Devotional Study Group:** Tuesdays, 10 a.m., starting Sept. 9, in Commons A, led by Allen Reed. All are invited to join us as we study *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton.
- **Men's Bible Study:** Tuesdays, starting Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m. in the Anderson Room, led by Steve Novy. All men are invited to join us as we study *Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place* by Josh Scott.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays, starting Sept. 10, 2 p.m. in the Anderson Room, led by Holly Trueblood. All women are invited to join us as we study *The Great Courses Series Understanding the Old Testament*.
- **Disciple Fast Track:** Tuesdays, starting Sept. 23, 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room, led by Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams. This study provides a way for people to get to know the Bible and grow together with others in meaningful conversation and community. Register at garychurch.org.

Flowers for altar: If you'd like to give flowers on a Sunday, fill out the form on the registrations page at garychurch.org, or contact the Church Office (office@garychurch.org). Cost: \$35.

Lectionary readings:

- **This week:** [Jeremiah 1:4-10](#); [Psalm 71:1-6](#); [Hebrews 12:18-29](#); [Luke 13:10-17](#)
- **Next week:** [Jeremiah 2:4-13](#); [Psalm 81:1, 10-16](#); [Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16](#) and [Luke 14:1, 7-14](#)



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

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