



SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026, 9 A.M.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Prelude	Prelude in C Major, BWV 943 Johann S. Bach	Robert Sacks, organ
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Welcome		Pastor Daniel Cochran
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*Call to Worship

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn	God of Love and God of Power	<i>Hymnal 578</i>
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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon		Pastor Jonathan Crail
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Scripture Readings	Psalm 23:1-4, Joshua 1:9, 1 Corinthians 11:1	Linda Tresner
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Magnificat		Words on Screens
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Reflection	Why Church? To Lead Courageously	Pastor Jonathan Crail
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*Reflection Hymn	He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought	<i>Hymnal 128</i>
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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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Offertory

The Old Rugged Cross
George Bennard

George Smith, voice
Joshua Velez, 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

*Sending Hymn

Lead with Love

Words on Screens

*Benediction

Postlude

Recessional on “To God Be the Glory”
William Doane, arr. Douglas Wagner

WORSHIP NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, Sun., July 26, at Gary Church:

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 a.m., Sanctuary. 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:** Bernard and Susan McGuan in memory of their daughter, Madeline Marie McGuan.
- **Summer Book and Film:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. We will discuss Claire Keegan's *Small Things Like These*. On Wed., July 29, 6:30 p.m., we will watch and discuss the film adaptation.
- **Cranes to support UMCOR:** 10 a.m., Commons. Family campers will be selling paper cranes they made as a fundraiser for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). You can also donate through garychurch.org/give.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons. The Green Team invites you to bring your own small reusable cup with a lid.

Your ideas needed: Please give us your ideas to help select our Gary Church theme for the 2026-27 program year at garychurch.org by Mon., July 27.

29th annual Golf outing to benefit Gary Youth: Sun., Aug. 2, tee times begin at 1 p.m., Klein Creek Golf Club. Cost is \$125 for golf and dinner (discounted price for youth, \$90). Sponsor a hole for \$125. Register at garychurch.org. Questions? Contact Bob Martin (office@garychurch.org).

Journeys of Paul in Greece: April 17-24, 2027 with an optional Greek Isle cruise extension April 23-27. Join Carey Williams Bebar and Educational Opportunities for the tour. Register by Mon., Aug. 17 for a \$75 discount. See full itinerary and pricing details at garychurch.org. Next informational meeting: Wed., Aug. 5, 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Visit the Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures Museum: Sat., Aug. 8, 9 a.m.-approximately 3 p.m. Join Dr. Daniel Somboonsiri for a guided tour of the Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures Museum. For more details and to register, go to garychurch.org.

Back-to-school backpack blessing: Sun., Aug. 9, 9 a.m., Sanctuary. School starts soon, so bring your backpack for a blessing!

Worship in the Park and picnic: Sun., Aug. 16, 10 a.m., Memorial Park (note time and location). Bring a lawn chair and enjoy worship, food and fellowship. Chicken will be provided. If you are able, please provide a side dish, salad or dessert to share. The Green Team asks you to bring your own reusable plates, cups, forks, etc. to help reduce garbage. And, be prepared to smile as we will take an all-church photo!

Sign up to help with Worship in the Park: Sun., Aug. 16, Memorial Park. Help with set up, tear down, hosting and more. Sign up at garychurch.org.

Register for blood drive: Wed., Aug. 19, 2-6 p.m., Commons. Each pint donated can save up to three lives. The need is especially great in the summer. Register at garychurch.org. Walk-ins also welcome.

All-church training: Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary. After worship at 9 a.m., grab some refreshments from Special Blend and then learn about new initiatives, what's happening in the ministry area(s) you serve and all-church policies.

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Bike to Church: Sun., Aug. 30 (and any Sunday you like!). Enjoy a bike ride to church, and park your bicycle at the rack near the Parking Lot.

Looking ahead to September: Our second worship service at 11:11 a.m. begins again on Kickoff Sunday, Sept. 13, along with Sunday School for all ages at 10 a.m.

Transport food for People's Resource Center: Morning shifts available, Mon.-Sat. PRC needs drivers and riders to transport food from area grocery stores to the food pantry. If you can help, contact volunteers@peoplesrc.org.

Shuttle bus riders needed this summer: The Older Adults Program at Outreach needs volunteers to assist people on and off the shuttle bus, provide conversation and help create a warm and caring environment. If you can help, sign up at weareoutreach.org.



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