



Order of Worship

Sunday, Mar. 22, 2026, 11:11 a.m.
Fifth Sunday in Lent

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Welcome

Pastor Daniel Cochran

***Opening Prayer**

***Gathering Songs**

Way Maker

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (Hymnal 474)

Scripture Readings

*Micah 4:1-5, *John 14:1-7*

Nan Krull

Kid's Church!

Reflecting on the Word

I Am: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Pastor Mary Zajac

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

***Reflection Song**

Jesus Messiah

Time for Giving

People's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

***Sending Song**

Sent Out in Jesus' Name (The Faith We Sing 2184)

Blessing and Fellowship Time

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

Announcements

Congratulations to: Melanie Smith on the birth of her granddaughter, Tessa, on Mar. 16.

This morning, Sun., Mar. 22, 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 Alvarez Family in celebration of Rommel and Katie's 20th wedding anniversary.
- **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.
- **Exploring Membership:** Sun., Mar. 22, 10 a.m., Chapel. Meet our pastors and staff and learn what it means to be United Methodist.
- **The God We Can Know:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. This study building on Rob Fuquay's *The God We Can Know*, aligns with our Lenten preaching series exploring the "I Am" sayings of Jesus.

Anti-Racist Book Club: Wednesdays, Mar. 25 and Apr. 22, 7 p.m., Commons, led by Kim Austin. We will discuss *The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation* by Anna Malaika Tubbs. Read the book on your own and register at garychurch.org.

Fourth Friday Breakfast: Mar. 27, 8:30 a.m., Seven Dwarfs Restaurant, 917 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton. All are welcome. Reserve your spot at the table at garychurch.org.

Cultivating a Resilient Faith in a Turbulent World: Wednesdays through Apr. 1, 7 p.m., on Zoom, led by Pastor Mary Zajac. No book needed for this Lenten study. Register at garychurch.org.

Game Night date change: Sat., Mar. 28, 6:30–9 p.m., Commons. All are welcome for games of bridge, dominoes or anything you like. RSVP to Fern Evelhoch (office@garychurch.org).

Camp Gary: Mon., Mar. 30, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. An opportunity for kids to play, craft and hang out. Parents will have access to a quiet work space if needed. Register at garychurch.org for preschool 3s–5th grade.

Gary's Welcome Team needs you: Volunteers are needed to help greet our members and visitors at our services during Holy Week and Easter. Contact Jennifer Castino (jcastino@garychurch.org) to volunteer.

Maundy Thursday Worship with a Shared Meal: Apr. 2, 6 p.m., Commons. Meal includes soup, salad and bread. Let us know if you plan to attend and/or would like to bring food to share at garychurch.org.

Easter egg donations needed! Donate candy-filled Easter eggs by Fri., Mar. 27 in the Commons.

Living on the Underside of Empire—Lessons from Ukraine and the Middle East: Wed., Apr. 15, 7 p.m. Join Christopher Hays, Evan Hunter, and Evelyn Reynolds from Scholar Leaders to learn more about what faithfulness requires on the underside of empire. Register at garychurch.org.

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

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday

March 29, 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., Sanctuary

A week before Easter, Palm Sunday marks the “triumphal entry” of Jesus into Jerusalem. We remember that he was welcomed as a king but then, by week’s end, betrayed and crucified. We reflect on both our faith and faithlessness with vibrant worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., including waving palms.

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Gary Commons

On this holy night we remember the Last Supper and the new commandment or “mandatum” that Jesus gives to the disciples after he washed their feet: to love one another, just as he loves them. This worship service will take place in the Gary Commons. We will enjoy a soup supper, Holy Communion and an opportunity to wash each other’s hands or feet as a sign of our humble service to others. **Register for the soup supper at garychurch.org.**

Good Friday

April 3, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

All are invited to observe this solemn day commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus with a Tenebrae (“shadows”) worship experience. Together we will meditate on the sacrifice of Jesus through Scripture and song as we slowly extinguish the lights of the church, leaving in relative darkness and silence until we meet again on Easter morning.

Easter Sunday

April 5, Outdoor sunrise worship at 6:30 a.m.

Sanctuary worship at 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m.

“Christ Is Risen; Christ Is Risen Indeed!”

All are welcome to an outdoor sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. on the lawn between the Main Street doors and the Wesley Center. This brief service of word and song will include Holy Communion.

Worship in the Sanctuary will have nearly identical services at 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., featuring wonderful music and a joyful Easter message.

At 10:15 a.m., everyone is invited to the annual Easter egg hunt in Memorial Park.



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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