



Gary United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 24, 2024, 9 a.m.

Palm Sunday

**The asterisks indicate a time when you are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

Prelude	King of Kings African American spiritual, arr. Ralph Simpson	Kevin Lange, organ
Welcome		Pastor Chris Pierson
*Call to Worship		
*Opening Hymn and Processional	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna	<i>Hymnal 278</i>
Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance		Philip Vandershoot
*Scripture Readings	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11	Harry Chase
Children's Time		Carey Williams Bebar
Reflection		Pastor Daniel Cochran
*Hymn	All Glory, Laud, and Honor	<i>Hymnal 280</i>
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	Ah, Holy Jesus Johann Crüger, arr. Philip L. Roberts	Altar Bells Phil Roberts, director
<i>Consider making a gift at garychurch.org/give or text "give" to 630-320-0668. Checks can also be mailed to the church.</i>		
*Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	<i>Hymnal 94</i>
*Hymn	I Surrender All stanzas 1, 4 and 5	<i>Hymnal 354</i>
*Benediction		
Postlude	Jesus, Priceless Treasure chorale tune by Johann Crüger, arr. Flor Peeters	

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

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

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Livestream and recorded 9 a.m. worship available at garychurch.org. Assisted listening devices are available at the west entrance to the Sanctuary or by asking an usher.
- **Altar flowers are given by:** Ed and Alice Williams in memory of their daughter, Emily Kristine Williams
- **Nursery Care:** Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the Nursery (lower level).
- **Sunday School:** 10 a.m. for all ages..
- **Spiritual Practices:** 10 a.m. in the Chapel. Steve Williams, Gene Green, JoAnne Chase and Elaine McCluskey will lead the discussion about the spiritual practice of reading scripture.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m. in the Commons.

Plants with a Purpose: Today, Sun., Mar. 24, is the last day to order your spring plants through this fundraiser to benefit Gary's ministries. Order at garychurch.org or use a paper form available in the Commons. Pick up plants at Gary on Sat., May 4.

Learn about different crosses: Every Sunday in Lent, the Creative Arts ministry will display a new cross on the balcony of the Sanctuary. Look below each cross for a placard with information describing its origin. Information is also at garychurch.org/ministries.

Holy Week and Easter at Gary Church

- **Maundy Thursday:** Mar. 28, in the Commons and Sanctuary
 - ♦ **5:30 p.m. meal in the Commons.** If you can help, contact Pastor Daniel (dcochran@garychurch.org).
 - ♦ **6 p.m. worship in the Sanctuary with handwashing and Communion.** Children will enjoy a reflection time with Carey Williams Bebar before joining their families during worship.
- **Good Friday Worship:** Mar. 29, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Observe the solemn day of Christ's crucifixion with scripture, reflections and music.
- **Easter Sunday Worship:** Mar. 31, 9 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** 10:15 a.m. in Memorial Park (across from Gary's parking lot). Candy-filled Easter eggs needed. Drop off plastic eggs in the bin in the Commons.

Greeters, ushers and more needed: Easter Sunday, March 31, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter is when we see many people visiting Gary, and we'd like to show the best hospitality. If you can volunteer, contact Jennifer Castino (jcastino@garychurch.org).

Updated online giving system: This new system should be easier for users and save the church a few dollars. Text giving instructions are on the front side of this bulletin. To transition your recurring gift or make an online donation go to garychurch.org.

Thrivent Choice®: It's another way you can give to Gary Church. Learn more about this charitable grant program at garychurch.org.

Harnessing AI for Church Excellence: Wed., Apr. 3, 11 a.m. in Commons E. View part two of this webinar from The United Methodist Church and discover the basics of AI and how these tools can optimize church operations.

Grief Matters Support Group: Wednesdays, Apr. 3-May 22, 10 a.m., in the Commons. We welcome anyone grieving the death or loss of someone to be a part of this group. Register at garychurch.org.

Learn how to arrange flowers: Sat., Apr. 6, 9:30 a.m. in the Commons. For this Creative Arts Ministry project, enjoy a floral design lesson with opportunities to create your own arrangements. Register at garychurch.org.

Join Habitat for Humanity team: Tues., Apr. 16-Fri., Apr. 19 in Lafayette, IN. Help us build houses for three families. No special skills or experience required. Come for a day or all four. Contact Lois Davisson through the Church Office (office@garychurch.org).

Prescription for Life: Bring your Prescription for Life pill bottle to Gary. Your support benefits Outreach Community's programs for older adults. You can still donate at garychurch.org/give or bring a check to the Church Office.

Happy birthday! Susanna Wesley is making children's party bags for People's Resource Center. Cake mixes, frosting, hats, candles, disposable baking pans and cards are needed. Bring items to Gary by Sun., Apr. 21. Gifts can also be made at garychurch.org/give.

PADS: Public Action to Deliver Shelter, is in need of support for their clients, both volunteers and daily living items. A complete listing can be found on their website at: dupagepads.org.

Seeking director of music: If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, go to garychurch.org for the job description and application.

Lectionary readings

- **This week's readings:** [Mark 11:1-11](#) and [Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](#)
- **Next week's readings:** [Acts 10:34-43](#); [Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#); [1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#) and [John 20:1-18](#)