GARY United Methodist CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOV. 22, 2026, 9 A.M.

Christ the King Sunday
This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

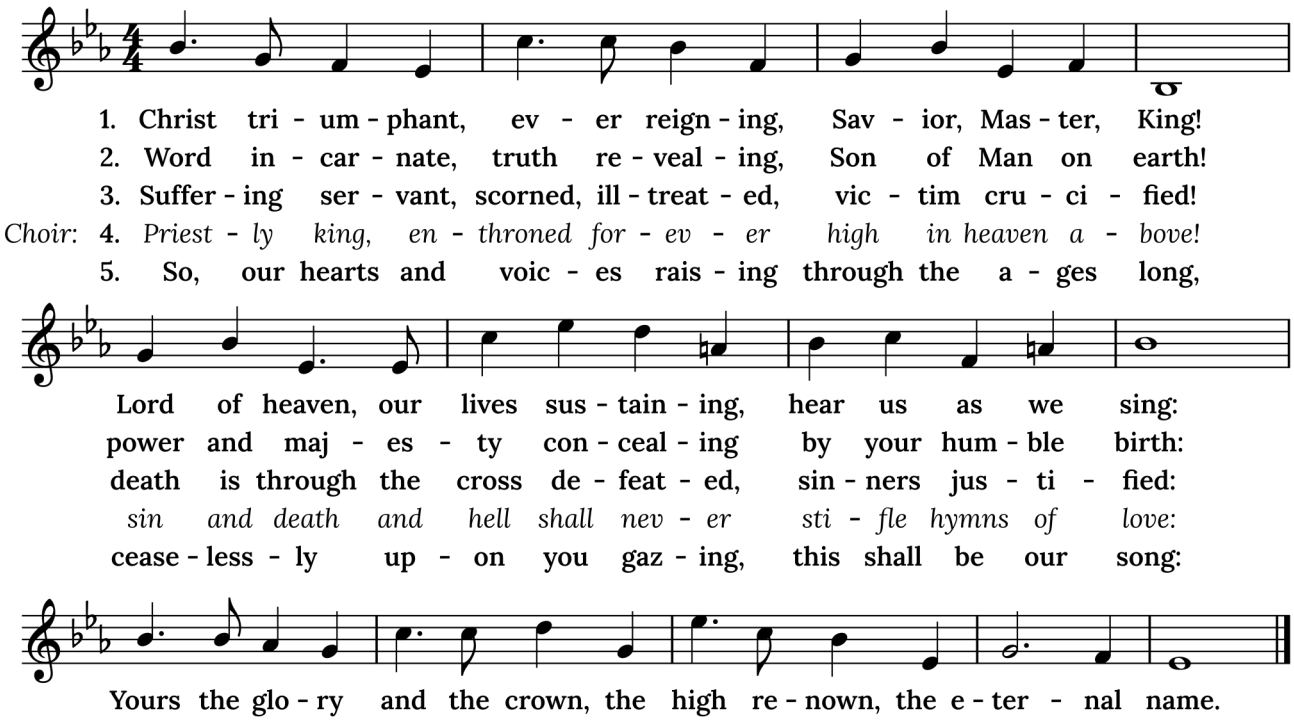
Prelude — Thanks Be to Thee, George F. Handel, arr. Hal Hopson — Robert Sacks, organ

Welcome — Pastor Jonathan Crail

*Call to Worship

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn — Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning



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Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance		Christy Grace
Scripture Readings	Isaiah 58:6-10, *Matthew 25:31-46	Nancy Conger
*Gloria Patri		*Hymnal* 70
Children's Time		Carey Williams Bebar Director of Christian Education
Reflection	This, This is Christ the King	Pastor Daniel Cochran
*Reflection Hymn	Here Am I	*The Faith We Sing* 2178
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	Total Praise Richard Smallwood, arr. Patrick Barrett and Doreen Rao	Chancel Choir; Frank Check, drums

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	Now Thank We All Our God	*Hymnal* 102

*Faith in Action and Benediction

Postlude	Lead On, O King Eternal Henry Smart, arr. Joshua Evanovich	

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to: Greg, Marissa and Mariana Burdett on the birth of their son and brother, Weston Elliot, on Sept. 27.

This morning, Sun., Nov. 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.
- **Sunday School:** 10 a.m. for all ages.
- **Altar Flowers are given by:** Bobbi Wheatley in loving memory of John Wheatley.
- **Walking a Sacred Path:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. Join Rev. Barb Good as we explore the history and practice of pilgrimage, how it differs from tourism and how the simple act of journeying with intention can open us to God in new ways.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons.

Sunday Advent Series: Embodied Light: Sundays, Nov. 29-Dec. 20, 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. Expect hands-on participation in poetry, movement, music and visual art during Advent.

Advent Soup Suppers: Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16, 5:15-6:30 p.m., Commons. Enjoy soup and fellowship during Advent. The Green Team invites you to bring your reusable dishes. Sign up to participate and/or to provide soup at garychurch.org.

Midweek Advent Series: Heaven and Earth: Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16, 6:30 p.m., Heritage Room, led by Rev. Steve Conger. In *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*, Will Willimon introduces you to the God who brings heaven to earth and changes everything. Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way. Books are available for $10. Register at garychurch.org.

New Gary Church Logo Store: You can get 15% off your order from the new Gary Church Logo Store. Find polos, button-downs, jackets, vests, socks, water bottles, tumblers, bags, blankets and more. Order now through Wed., Dec. 2 using the discount code GaryChurch15SH at garychurch.org.

Cookie Walk: Sat., Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Commons. Joy Circle and the United Women of Faith invite you to their Christmas Cookie Walk to raise money for missions. Bakers of homemade cookies needed. Contact Ida Whitcomb or Suzy Wible (office@garychurch.org).

Christmas Sharing: Sat., Dec. 12. For over 50 years, Christmas Sharing has helped needy families in CUSD 200. Thank you for your wonderful response to the request for volunteers! It's not too late for a cash donation or to take one more ornament off the angel tree-gifts for teens and monetary contributions are especially needed. Donations can be made through your offering or at garychurch.org/give.

Lessons and Carols: Sun., Dec. 13, 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., Sanctuary. Advent lessons and music shape this unique family worship experience.

Help with Outreach Senior Christmas Luncheon: Fri., Dec. 18. For many seniors, this luncheon is their only celebration. A $15 donation can be made through your offering or at garychurch.org/give and will provide a senior a place at the table. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, greet, bake a mashed potato casserole, serve and clean up. Sign up in the Commons.

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Longest Night Service: Mon., Dec. 21, 7 p.m., Sanctuary. Traditionally held on the winter solstice, the longest night of the year, the service will provide a time to remember loved ones, share our hurting places with God or simply step aside from the stresses of the season.

Christmas Eve: Thursday, Dec. 24, Sanctuary. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to "come sit with me" for a traditional celebration of Jesus' birth! We will hear great music, retell the Christmas story, sing carols and light candles.

- 4 p.m. Family Worship
- 7 p.m. Traditional Worship
- 9 p.m. Worship with communion

Stewardship: We invite you to listen, love, lead and prayerfully consider how sharing your time, talents and treasure can reflect God's abundance in your life and have an impact at Gary Church and in the world. Fill out a stewardship card or go to garychurch.org to complete the online form.

Great East Window: The large stained glass window in the Sanctuary balcony has been removed for restoration. Donations to the stained-glass window fund can be made at garychurch.org.

Free UMC items at Welcome Desk: While supplies last, stop by the Welcome Desk in the Commons for pocket hand sanitizer, wristbands and stickers. We received these items from The United Methodist Church at The Leadership Institute.

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.

