



SUNDAY, SEPT. 27, 2026, 9 A.M.

18th Sunday after Pentecost

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Prelude

Fugue in F Major
Johann Pachelbel

Robert Sacks, organ

Welcome

Pastor Daniel Cochran

*Call to Worship

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn

God, We Gather As Your People

Words on screens
and back page of bulletin

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jonathan Crail

Scripture Readings

Romans 1:24-27, Leviticus 18:22

Susan Dahlstedt

Magnificat

Words on screens

Children's Time

Carey Williams Bebar
Director of Children's Ministries

Reflection

Biblical Application: The Bible and Homosexuality

Pastor Jonathan Crail

*Reflection Hymn

Dreaming in the Pre-Dawn Stillness

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Draw the Circle Wide
Mark A. Miller, Gordon Light

Chancel Choir
Eli Ouoba, 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

Together We Serve

The Faith We Sing 2175

*Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare Postlude on "St. Thomas"
arr. Douglas Wagner

WORSHIP NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our sympathy to: Brian, Jenna, Kole, Ezra and Skye Tatnall on the death of the father and grandfather, William (Bill) Tatnall, on Sept. 14.

Altar flowers are given by:

Rick Conrad and Mirna Conrad in loving memory of their wife and mother, Renee Conrad.
The Family of Rev. Warren Pettis in celebration of his 90th birthday.

This morning, Sun., Sept. 27, 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.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons. The Green Team invites you to bring your own small reusable cup with a lid.
- **How to Read the Bible:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room, led by Dr. Michael Graves and Dr. Daniel Somboonsiri. This series explores practical approaches to reading Scripture.

Environment and Spirituality Summit Watch Party: Tues., Sept. 29, 6 p.m., Anderson Room. Livestream together the keynote talk from environmentalist Bill McKibben. Register at garychurch.org.

Celebrating World Communion Sunday: Oct. 4, 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m. We will share scripture passages in a variety of languages. If you are comfortable reading aloud in a language other than English, contact Pastor Daniel Cochran (dcochran@garychurch.org).

Pet Blessing: Sun., Oct. 4, 3-4 p.m., Courtyard. All people and their pets of all kinds (stuffed animals, too!) are invited to our annual "Blessing of the Animals." The event will begin with a reading from Scripture, a brief prayer and then individual blessings for all critters (weather permitting).

Gary Homework Club needs drivers/riders: Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m., Lower Level. The newly-expanded tutoring program, now called Gary Homework Club, needs drivers and adult passengers. You will use World Relief vans for pickup (5-5:30 p.m.) and dropoff (7-7:30 p.m.). If you can volunteer either time, register at garychurch.org.

Donate/sign up for college care gifts: If you know of a college student who would love a pick-me-up from Gary Church this semester, share their info at garychurch.org by Fri., Oct. 9. Donations toward the cost of goodies and postage, can be made at garychurch.org/give.

Boy Scout Troop 35 Christmas wreaths and greenery: Order by Mon., Oct. 19, at wheatontroop35.org and select one of Gary's scouts: Riley Hicks, Grant Olson, Drew, Luke Oswald. Orders will be delivered to your home the week of Thanksgiving.

Help Habitat for Humanity: Tues., Oct. 27-Fri., Oct. 30, Lafayette, IN. Come for a day or more. No tools or experience required to help build homes for people in need. Can't build? Consider a financial donation at garychurch.org. Contact Lois Davisson (office@garychurch.org).

Anti-Racist Book Club: Wed., Oct. 28, 7 p.m., Commons, led by Carey Williams Bebar. Read *Rest Is Resistance*, by Tricia Hersey on your own and register at garychurch.org.

Blessing Bag project: Monetary donations needed to help fill backpacks (blankets, gloves, food, etc.) to be given to unhoused people in DuPage County. Donate at garychurch.org/give. Contact Ellie Pentland (office@garychurch.org) for details on donating specific items and volunteering.

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Share job posting: Gary Church has an opening for a full-time director of youth ministry. View the job description and apply at garychurch.org. Share the job posting on LinkedIn.

Order church merch: T-shirts, sweatshirts and more with *Listening, Loving, Leading*, the theme for our 2026-27 ministry year, can be purchased at garychurch.org.

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.

God, We Gather As Your People



1. God, we ga - ther as your peo - ple with a prom - ise yet to keep,
2. Source of hope and res - tor - a - tion at the cent - er of our souls,
3. Now your time - less in - vi - ta - tion calls us for - ward to en - gage
4. As we ga - ther in our dif - ference, in our strug - gle, in our fear,



touched by sor - row, filled with ang - er, seek - ing jus - tice, seek - ing peace.
build - ing pa - tience and re - sil - ience, turn - ing bro - ken in - to whole,
with the strain of hu - man frail - ty and the force of righ - teous rage.
may we val - ue one a - no - ther. May we lis - ten. May we hear.



May your wis - dom deep with - in us call us back to all we are.
may we find you in the si - lence through the love we know is there,
As we lis - ten in hu - mi - li - ty, may we learn your truth a - gain.
May our cour - age and our kind - ness clear a path that's bold and true.



May the heal - ing that you of - fer ease our minds and free our hearts.
gent - ly coax - ing us to won - der, to re - pen - tance and re - pair.
When our fa - bric has been da - maged then our work must be to mend.
May our love for one a - no - ther show the love we have for you.

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