



SUNDAY, MAR. 29, 2026, 9 A.M.

Palm Sunday

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Prelude	Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands Johann Pachelbel	Mark Edwards, organ
Welcome		Pastor Mary Zajac
*Call to Worship		
*Opening Hymn	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna	<i>Hymnal 278</i>
The Sacrament of Baptism		Pastor Mary Zajac Pastor Daniel Cochran
*Passing of the Peace		
Scripture Readings	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; *Matthew 21:1-11	Holly Trueblood
*Magnificat		Words on Screens
Children's Time		Dan Lee Director of Youth Ministries
Reflecting on the Word		Carey Williams Bebar Director of Christian Education
Affirmation of Faith: The World Methodist Social Affirmation		<i>Hymnal 886</i>
*Reflection Hymn	Tell Me the Stories of Jesus	<i>Hymnal 277</i>

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Ride On, King Jesus
Negro Spiritual, arr. Donté A. Ford

Chancel Choir
Tiffany Egler, solo

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 95

*Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Sending Hymn

Lord of the Dance
verses 1-3, 5

Hymnal 261

*Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in D Minor
Anton Bruckner

WORSHIP NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to: Cheryll and John Kelly on the birth of their grandson, Connor John Kelly, on Mar. 24.

This morning, Sun., Mar. 29, 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.
- **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.

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

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.

New Women's Bible study begins: Wednesdays, April 8-May 13, 2 p.m., Anderson Room. All women are welcome to discuss *The Heart of the Psalms* by James Howell. Contact Holly Trueblood through the Church Office (office@garychurch.org) to let her know you'd like to participate.

Recycling and paper shredding: Sat., Apr. 11, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., DuPage Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Rd., Wheaton. Go to scarce.org for more information.

Sacred Jazz: Sundays, Apr. 12 and 19, 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room, led by Dr. Deanna Witkowski. Come ready to sing, listen and experience the sacred art of jazz. Books and CDs will be available for purchase.

Exploring Membership Lunch: Sun., Apr. 12, 12:15 p.m., Commons. Interested in learning more about Gary? Would you like to chat with our pastors about membership and our missions and ministries? Contact Jennifer Castino (jcastino@garychurch.org) if you're interested in membership and/or lunch.

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.

Wesley Festival—An Afternoon of Hymns and Singing: Sat., Apr. 18, 3 p.m., Sanctuary. Enjoy hearing Gary member Bill Phemister on the piano, sharing music from his album, *And Can It Be*. A reception will follow in the Commons. Free and open to the public, with an opportunity for a freewill donation.

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.

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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*.

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

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