



# Gary United Methodist Church

January 23, 2022

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

And Can It Be  
Thomas Campbell, arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Kevin Lange, organ

Call to Worship

Dan Lee

Opening Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14–21

John-Marc Bilezikian

Sermon

“The Word of God Speaks”

Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People  
OLD 42<sup>ND</sup>, by Louis Bourgeois, arr. Paul Manz

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Hymn

God of Love and God of Power

*Hymnal 578*

Benediction

Postlude

We All Believe in One True God  
WIR Glauben All, arr. Flor Peeters



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# Gary Church Announcements

## Stay Connected to the Church Family

### Today's altar flowers are given by:

Marion Rybarczyk in celebration of the baptism of his granddaughter, Mila

### Our sympathy to

The family of Carol Eaton. Carol passed away on Jan. 16. Services are pending.

### Sunday morning, Jan. 16

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Livestream and recorded worship are available at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).
- **Sunday School:** 9:50 a.m. for ages Preschool 3s through adult.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 9:50 a.m. in Commons C (west part of the Commons). We invite you to enjoy each other's company, but we won't have eating or drinking during Special Blend today.
- **Jesus Study:** 9:50 a.m., in the Commons. In *Short Stories by Jesus*, author Amy-Jill Levine offers a reinterpretation of Jesus' narratives. Betsy Boyd will lead the discussion. Books are available at the church for \$14.
- **Worship Talk:** 11 a.m. on Zoom, link available at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).

**Give flowers for the altar:** Many Sundays are available in 2022 to provide flowers for the altar. If you'd like to give flowers, fill out the form on the registrations page at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org), or contact the Church Office. The cost of the flowers is \$35.

**Anti-Racist Book Club:** Wed., Jan. 26, 7 p.m., in the Commons. Fiction can be a powerful way to tell the truth. *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead will take us on a journey that explores the suffering caused by slavery. Read the book on your own and join us for the discussion. Register at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).

**Celebration Sing-Along dates:** Wednesdays, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 9, March 23, April 13, May 25, 7–8 p.m., in the Choir Room. Alto and soprano voices, high school through adult are welcome to a fun evening of singing and fellowship. For more information, contact Jennifer Whiting at [jwhiting@garychurch.org](mailto:jwhiting@garychurch.org).

**Pastor Chris to lead workshop on racial justice:** Sat., Jan. 29, 9–11:15 a.m. on Zoom. The Prairie Central District of the NIL Conference is hosting "Intentional Ministry for Changing Times," a morning Zoom training event. Pastor Chris will lead the workshop, "Racial Justice: From Information to Transformation." Registration information is available on our website, [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).

**Styrofoam recycling dates:** Sundays, Jan. 30, April 10, July 10 and Oct. 9, 8:45–10:30, in the South Driveway. Bring your Styrofoam to church, and we will recycle it for you. Separate clean food containers from other Styrofoam. No packing peanuts. If you miss the dates, feel free to drop off Styrofoam at Dart Container Corporation, 310 Evergreen Dr., North Aurora.

**Contribute to Lenten Devotional:** We invite all children, youth and adults of Gary and Winfield Churches to share reflections, personal stories and glimpses of God at work in our lives for our electronic Lenten Devotional. Please submit your devotional to Janet Mathis at [jmathis@garychurch.org](mailto:jmathis@garychurch.org), by Fri., Feb. 4.

### Lectionary readings

- **This week's readings:** [Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a and Luke 4:14–21](#)
- **Next week's readings:** [Jeremiah 1:4–10, Psalm 71:1–6, 1 Corinthians 13:1–13 and Luke 4:21–30](#)

## Stay Connected to the Mission

**Give to DuPage County MLK Scholarship:** You can help fund three scholarships this year. Make your check out to L.E.S.S., write MLK Scholarship in the memo line, and drop it off at the Church Office.

**Donation drive:** Gary Kids are collecting items to support Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. If you are able, please consider donating any of the following items: disinfectant spray and/or wipes, all-purpose spray cleaner, Comet/Bar Keepers Friend, glass cleaner, loofahs, women's body spray, women's facial cleanser and lip balm. Drop donations off in the bin in the Commons by Sun., Jan. 30.

**Gary Cares funds available:** If you and your family are in need, do not hesitate to reach out to [Pastor Chris](#) or [Pastor Brian](#) regarding our confidential Gary Cares Fund.