



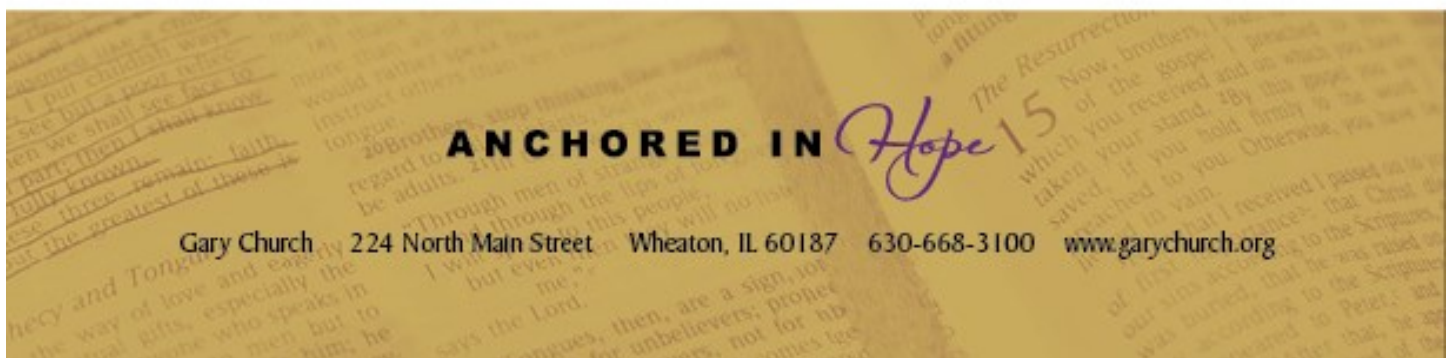
# Gary United Methodist Church

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

Prelude	Partita on “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” tune by Johann Crüger, setting by Flor Peeters	Kevin Lange, organ
Call to Worship		Carey Williams Bebar
Scripture Lesson	Mark 9:30–37 (NRSV)	Susan Dahlstedt
Sacrament of Holy Baptism		
Sermon	“The Way”	Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson
Pastoral Prayer		Andy Majernik
The Lord’s Prayer		
Offertory	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN, arr. Jason W. Krug	Bell Ensemble <sup>†</sup>
<p><i>Please consider making a gift <u>online</u> and/or by text-giving to 844-928-1220. Enter a dollar amount and the word “GARY.” Checks may also be mailed to the church (224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL 60187).</i></p>		
Benediction		
Hymn	Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor Matthew Boswell, Matthew Papa	
Postlude	Hymn Prelude on “Ebenezer” tune by T. J. Williams, setting by Healey Willan	

<sup>†</sup>Janet Mathis, Laura Kopff, Nancy Brunner, Mary Ellen Kolbe; Kevin Lange, piano



# Gary Church Announcements

## Stay Connected to the Church Family

### Our sympathy to

The Krueger family on the death of Linda's mother, Virginia Swenson, on Sept. 19.

**Altar flowers:** Sign up on our [website](#) or contact the [Church Office](#) if you would like to provide flowers on a Sunday morning.

### Sunday morning, Sept. 26

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Livestream and recorded worship is available through our [website](#).
- **Gary Kids' Helping Hands for Redbird Mission:** During 9 a.m. worship, for kids ages Preschool 3s–grade 5.
- **Sunday School:** 9:50 a.m. Check the signs in the Commons for room locations.
- **Special Blend/Worship Talks:** 9:50 a.m. in the Courtyard.
- **Styrofoam Recycling:** through 10:15 a.m., South Driveway. Separate rinsed food containers from packaging materials. No packing peanuts.

### Upcoming Sunday mornings

- **The Book of Acts—Historical and Archaeological Background:** Sundays, Oct. 3 and 10, 9:50 a.m., in the Chapel. Join archeologist Ted Wright for this Adult Christian Education offering. We will survey the historical context of the book, and some of the major archaeological discoveries which help us to understand the world of the Apostles Peter, Paul and the early Church.
- **Explore Membership:** Sun., Oct. 3, 10 a.m., in the Commons. If you're considering becoming a member at Gary Church, you're invited to get better acquainted with pastors and staff, learn more about what it means to be United Methodist and about the history of our congregation. Contact Jennifer Castino through the [Church Office](#) to learn more.

**Music groups are meeting again:** Choir ensembles, handbell groups and more are preparing songs for worship. Check out the [Music Ministries](#) page of [garychurch.org](#) for more information.

**Men's Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 7 p.m. via Zoom. We are exploring *The Epic of Eden: Isaiah*, by Dr. Sandra Richter. Study guides are available for \$15 through the Church Office. Contact the [Church Office](#) for the Zoom link.

**Grief Matters Support Group:** Wednesdays through Nov. 17, 10–11:30 a.m., in Commons A. We welcome anyone grieving the death or loss of someone to be a part of the new session of this group. Register through our [website](#).

**Anti-Racist Book Club | How to Be an Antiracist:** Wed., Sept. 29, 7 p.m., in Gamon Hall. The Anti-Racist Book Club is returning this fall with Ibram X. Kendi's book, *How to Be an Antiracist*. If you would like to participate in the conversation, purchase the book on your own and register through our [website](#).

**Thankful hearts needed for Chimes:** When you think about Gary Church, what are you grateful for? Email your thoughts to Janet Mathis, [jmathis@garychurch.org](mailto:jmathis@garychurch.org), for inclusion in the Nov./Dec. edition of the *Chimes* newsletter by Fri., Oct. 1.

**Wedding celebration:** Jack & Lisa Rozwat would like to invite the congregation to come to the wedding ceremony of their daughter, Anne, to Craig Dettmann, on Sat., Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. in Gary's Sanctuary.

**Women's Bible Study | Breaking the Code:** First and third Wednesdays, 3 p.m., in the Anderson Room. The group is studying Revelation using *Breaking the Code*, by Bruce Metzger. Contact the [Church Office](#) for a copy of the book.

**Faith Club:** A Women's Interfaith Group: Tues., Oct. 12, 7 p.m., in the Chapel. This month we'll hear a presentation on the funeral and bereavement customs in the Abrahamic faiths. All women are invited. To be added to the group's email list for updates, contact Kim Austin through the [Church Office](#).

### Lectionary readings

- **This week's readings:** [Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22, Psalm 124, James 5:13–20 and Mark 9:38–50](#)
- **Next week's readings:** [Job 1:1; 2:1–10, Psalm 26, Psalm 25, Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12 and Mark 10:2–16](#)

## Stay Connected to the Mission

**Winter items needed:** Winfield Community United Methodist Church is collecting hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for local school children who are in need. They can be handmade, store bought or gently used. Bring donations to Gary Church by Fri., Oct. 15.

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