



Gary United Methodist Church

September 25, 2022, 9 a.m.

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude	Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 550 J. S. Bach	Kevin Lange, organ
Welcome		Pastor Dwight Stewart
Introit	Melodie of Gluck arr. Fritz Kreisler	Audrianna Hall, violin Kevin Lange, piano
Opening Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Luke 15:1-10	Pat McCluskey
Hymn	Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us stanzas 1, 2 and 4	<i>Hymnal</i> 381
Children's Time		Carey Williams Bebar
Sermon	"Love Is the Direction: Rejoice"	Pastor Chris Pierson
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	How Can I Keep from Singing? Robert Lowry, arr. Timothy Shaw	Chancel Choir Jennifer Whiting, director
<i>Please consider making a gift online 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 at the address below.</i>		
Hymn	Cornerstone W. B. Bradbury and Mote/Liljero/Myrin/Morgan	
Benediction		
Postlude	Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus EBENEZER, arr. Healey Willan	

Gary Church Announcements

Stay Connected to the Church Family

Our sympathy to

The family of Carol Carr. Carol passed away on Sept. 18.

Sunday morning, Sept. 25

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Livestream and recorded worship of the 9 a.m. service are available at garychurch.org.
- **Altar flowers are given by:** Mike and Donna Capra in celebration of the baptism of their nephew, Jake, at 11 a.m.
- **Nursery:** 8:50-11 a.m. Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the Nursery (lower level).
- **Sunday School:** 10 a.m. for ages Preschool 3s through adult.
- **Paul, the Apostle: The Gospel, the Messenger and Adaptability:** Through Oct. 16, 10 a.m., in the Chapel, led by Gene Green. In this study, we will witness Paul's radical conversion, hear his divine commissioning and trace his early journeys as told by Luke in the Acts of the Apostles.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m. in the Commons. Volunteers needed for future weeks. Sign up at garychurch.org.
- **Worship Talk:** 11 a.m. on Zoom, link available at garychurch.org.

Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Anderson Room, plus on Zoom. This fall, the Men's Bible Study will study Sandra Richter's *The Epic of Eden: Jonah*. Contact Marion Rybarczyk through the Church Office for more information.

Grief Matters Support Group: Wednesdays through Nov. 16, 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. Please register at garychurch.org.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 3 p.m., in the Anderson Room. This fall, the Women's Bible Study will examine Sandra Richter's *The Epic of Eden: Isaiah*. Contact Holly Trueblood through the Church Office for more information.

Anti-Racist Book Club: Wednesdays, Sept. 28 and Oct. 26, 7 p.m., in the Commons. We will discuss *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story* by Nikole Hannah-Jones. To join the conversation, purchase the book on your own and register at garychurch.org. We will discuss chapters 1-8 in Sept. and 9-18 in Oct.

Disciple Fast Track Bible Study: Thursdays, 7 p.m., led by Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams, in the Anderson Room. This study provides an option for busy people seeking comprehensive engagement with the entire Biblical text. Sign up at garychurch.org.

Lectionary readings

- **This week's readings:** [Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, 1 Timothy 6:6-19 and Luke 16:19-31](#)
- **Next week's readings:** [Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1:1-14 and Luke 17:5-10](#)

Stay Connected to the Mission

Wreath sales: Gary Church's Troop 35 is selling Christmas greenery through Sun., Oct. 9. You can order at wheatontroop35.org. When you order, you can choose a scout to give credit to, and that scout will be the one to deliver to your door during Thanksgiving week.

Strings and Things: Second and fourth Thursdays, 7 p.m., at Aldersgate UMC. Enjoy fellowship while knitting, stitching, etc. Bring your own project or contribute to prayer blankets and shawls. For more information, contact Aldersgate's Pastor Daniel (Aldersgate.Wheaton@gmail.com).

Tutoring volunteers needed: Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 27, 6:30--7:30 p.m., at Aldersgate UMC. Gary is partnering with Aldersgate to help with a program that provides reading and math support to multilingual learner students. Register at garychurch.org.

Collections for PRC and PADS: People's Resource Center and PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) are in need of food, clothing, diapers, cleaning supplies, etc. A detailed list can be found at garychurch.org. Donations can be brought to the Commons.

Employment opportunities: Gary Church is looking for a building engineer and a Christian education assistant. For details and to apply for these part-time positions, go to garychurch.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Employment Opportunities."

Camerata Chicago Chamber Orchestra presents Haydn Cello Concerto in C Major: Sat., Oct. 1, 3 p.m. at College Church. Gary Church members receive a 25% discount with coupon code GUMC through the website cameratachicago.org.