

MOUNT GRETNNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Sunday, May 25, 2025 | 5th Sunday of Easter | Memorial Day

\* \* \* ORDER OF WORSHIP \* \* \*

**WE GATHER**

**WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: In the beginning, the voice that whispered us into being still whispers, saying...

**ALL: Let there be light!**

ONE: In the wilderness, the voice that fed us from the heavens still feeds us. saying...

**ALL: Let there be light!**

ONE: In the story we share with this God of mystery and amazing love, the voice calls to us each and every morning, saying...

**ALL: Let there be light!**

*Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement*

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #103 UMH  
*Pink Insert Collected*

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**+CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE**

*\*(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

**\* HYMN** "America the Beautiful" #696 UMH

**EPISTLE READING** Revelation 21:10, 22:1-5 Pg. 1892

**GOSPEL READING** John 14:23-29 Pg. 1642

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *Believing Into Christ: The Tree of Life*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* #881 UMH

**WE RESPOND**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**, concluding with unison Lord's Prayer  
(trespasses)

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**WE GO FORTH**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Shall We Gather at the River" #723 UMH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG RESPONSE** "He Is Lord" (x2) #177 UMH

**\*POSTLUDE**

(\*)= Please stand if able

(+)= 10:00 AM Service Only

UMH= United Methodist Hymnal

*The pink insert to your bulletin is there for you to share any joys or concerns you may have for our prayer time this morning. Please hand the slip to an usher during the Opening Hymn and they will bring your request to the pastor to be shared and added to our prayer chain. If you are visiting with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.*

**Thank you** to Sue Hostetter who shared with us this morning about how the William Drendall Grant has empowered the Mt. Gretna Historical Society.

**Greeters:**

Dan Deitzel

**Flowers:**

Today's flowers are to celebrate Dan Deitzel and Jay Benjamin's 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

++++++**ANNOUNCEMENTS**++++++

Monday	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Office is Closed	
Tues.	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study	Library
Tues.	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	SPRC	7 PM Ebenezer Rm
Sunday	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Move to Tabernacle	10 AM
Sunday	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jess Zimmerman	7 PM Tabernacle
Wed.	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Organ Recital Shawn Gingrich	7 PM
Friday	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Leap of Faith Documentary	2 PM
Friday	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	"Discipleship Dilemmas" Bishop Cynthia Moore- Koikoi	7:00 PM Tabernacle

**Graduates:**

On June 8<sup>th</sup> we would like to honor all graduates from any program. Please email us the name and school that they graduated from and their next steps.  
[mgumc@verizon.net](mailto:mgumc@verizon.net)

**Help Needed:**

As we move to the Tabernacle next Sunday, Don Bowman would like volunteers to help set up at 9:30 and or tear down after service. This involves moving the podium, chairs, lights and a few other items. Please contact Don at 717-466-1089 or email him at [dbowman7@comcast.net](mailto:dbowman7@comcast.net).

**Pastor Andrea's Sabbath & Office Hours –Week of May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Sabbath (Out of Office)

Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – In Office – 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
In Office – 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - In Office – 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – In Office – 9:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Out of Office

Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> -Sabbath (Out of Office)

Pastor Andrea is available to meet during her office hours or at other times by appointment. Her Sabbath is Saturdays and Mondays. She is always available for pastoral emergencies and hospitalizations, so please contact her for a health emergency or a death in the family. Beginning on Tuesday, she will return your call or email for non-emergent issues. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Andrea or call the office.

# Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

***"A church for all seasons  
and ALL people"***



## Our Mission is ...

- to know Christ and make him known.
- to help people become—and grow as—followers of Christ.
- to relieve suffering, in our community and beyond, through our members' ministries.

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