

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, August 10, 2025 | 9th Sunday after Pentecost

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God's salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.

ALL: By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.

ONE: By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God's love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.

ALL: By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.

ONE: By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God's desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.

ALL: By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.

ONE: By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a better country.

ALL: By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a better country as we build God's already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #57 UMH/#21 TB
Pink Insert Collected

OPENING PRAYER Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. We come convinced of many things but trusting very few. Holy God of limitless surprises, meet us here in this place as we touch that which we cannot see, that which we have not dared to hope. In Jesus' name, we pray, **Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

***CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 pg.1833

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Dear Beloved Children of God: Yearning for Better

WE RESPOND

HYMN "Faith of Our Fathers" #710 UMH/#404 TB
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** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" #519 UMH/INSERT

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE** "I Love Your, Lord"
*I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take, joy, my King, in what You hear.
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.*

***POSTLUDE**

(*)= Please stand if able | (+)= 10:00 AM Service Only
UMH= United Methodist Hymnal | TB = Tabernacle 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.

The congregation of Mount Gretna UMC extends welcome to the congregation from the Pennsylvania Chautauqua.

Greeters:
Louise Rynd & Tom Maurer

Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

Flowers:
Today's flowers were given by Larry Bowman for his son Sam's birthday.

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

++++++ANNOUNCEMENTS++++++

Sunday	Aug. 10 th	Jazz Ministers Big Band	7 PM Tabernacle
Wednesday	Aug. 13 th	Adm Council	7 PM
Wednesday	Aug. 20 th	Gathering Place	Noon

Thank you:

Thank you to the kids, parents, grandparents, helpers and all who made Wacky 'N Wet possible. We had a wonderful time and are looking forward to planning next year.

Pastor Andrea's Office Hours - Week of Aug 10th

Tuesday, Aug. 12th - In Office - 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 13th - In Office - 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 15th - In Office - 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Pastor Andrea is available to meet during her above office hours or at other times by appointment. She is always available for pastoral emergencies and hospitalizations, so please contact her for a health emergency or a death in the family. You will find all the contact information on the front of the bulletin. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Andrea or call the office.



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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