

MOUNT GRETN A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Sunday, August 31, 2025 | 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

**WE GATHER**

**WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:

**ALL: Let mutual love continue.**

ONE: When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:

**ALL: Let mutual love continue.**

ONE: When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:

**ALL: Let mutual love continue.**

ONE: As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

**ALL: We choose to cooperate with God's love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Come, Thou Almighty King" #61 UMH/INSERT  
*Pink Insert Collected*

**OPENING PRAYER** In the face of all our realities: We are the people who heal each other, who grow strong together, who name the truth, who know what it means to live in community, moving toward a common dream for a new heaven and a new earth. In the power of the love of God our Creator, The company of Jesus Christ, And the leading of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**+CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*+(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

**EPISTLE READING** Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 pg.1837

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** Dear Beloved Children of God: Let Mutual Love Continue

**WE RESPOND**

**HYMN**

"Jesu, Jesu"

#432 UMH/INSERT

**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** "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" #664 UMH/INSERT

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG RESPONSE**

"I Love You, 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**

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(\*)= 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.*

**Flowers:**

Today's flowers are to celebrate Esther Mefferd's birthday.

### **Greeters:**

Kristi Donahue & Bob Rader

### **++++++ANNOUNCEMENTS++++++**

Monday	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Office is closed	
Tuesday	Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Acts Bible Study	10:00 AM Library
Thursday	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Zoom	7:00 PM
Saturday	Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	West District Day	Gretna Glenn 10:30 AM
Sunday	Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Move back to Sanctuary	
Sunday	Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Communion and Food Bank	
Wednesday	Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Adm. Council	7:00 PM Ebenezer Room
Sunday	Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	PICNIC	Gretna Glenn 10 AM

### **Sunday School:**

We need teachers for the older class. All material is provided. If you are interested in helping out please contact Kassie Chapman at: 717-673-7464 or koditoo@comcast.net

### **Stuff MGUMC's Nursery School**

You are invited to support MGUMC's Nursery School as we begin this new school year! If you scan the QR code, you will find an Amazon wish list, allowing you to purchase supplies and bring them to the church or make a financial donation. In addition, there are opportunities to sponsor a student or contribute to scholarships. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact our Nursery School Director - Shannon Fretz at [rsfretz@verizon.net](mailto:rsfretz@verizon.net) Thank you so much!



### **Wed.. Sept. 17: Gathering Place**

Members, friends, and neighbors are invited for lunch and fellowship at noon in Fellowship Hall. This month, we will enjoy a covered dish – so bring your favorite dish to share with your neighbors and friends! Please advise Jay what dish you expect to share by Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> via email at [j1benja78@gmail.com](mailto:j1benja78@gmail.com). Gathering Place is supported by freewill donations.

# **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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