

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Sunday, September 14, 2025 | 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

**WE GATHER**

**WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

**ALL: God is our hope and our refuge.**

ONE We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

**ALL: God is our hope and our refuge.**

ONE: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

**ALL: God is our hope and our refuge.**

ONE: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

**ALL: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries*

**\*OPENING HYMN** "How Great Thou Art" #77 UMH  
*Pink Insert Collected*

**OPENING PRAYER** This world would deny you, Lord, and rely on human wisdom in their search for answers to questions they have yet to ask, but we will praise you, and exalt your name, for we know that you are Alpha, the beginning of all things, and Omega, the end, and all that is between. We have known your healing. We have known your provision. We have known your victory. Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears to songs of joy. We shall praise you ever more. **Amen!**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**\*CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

**PSALTER READING** Psalm 14 #746-747 UMH

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** I Will Call Upon the Lord: Our Hope is in the Lord

**WE RESPOND**

**HYMN** "My Hope Is Built" #368 UMH

**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** "Amazing Grace" #378 UMH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG RESPONSE** "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" #176 UMH

**\*POSTLUDE**

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(\*)= 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.*

**Flowers:**

Today's flowers are for Margaret Hopkin's daughter, Mary Alice's, birthday.

**Greeters:**

Dan Deitzel

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

Tuesday	Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Acts Bible Study	CANCELLED
Wednesday	Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gathering Place	Noon Fellowship Hall
Thursday	Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Zoom	7:00 PM
Thursday	Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Endowment Committee	7:00 PM Ebenezer Room
Sunday	Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	PICNIC	Gretna Glenn 10 AM
Monday	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	SPRC	6:30 PM
Sunday	Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Choir Practice	11:15 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**

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The donations of supplies and scholarship money to the Nursery School have been truly incredible. The generosity of Mount Gretna UMC never ceases to amaze me. Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."

Shannon Fretz, Nursery School Director

**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.

**Picnic**

Our picnic is next Sunday. Hot Dogs and BBQ will be provided. We need your help. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for food. Please let us know what you will be bringing.

# 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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