

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, October 19, 2025 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE "In the Garden" Bethany Zeuch

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

ALL: This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

ONE: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

ALL: This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

ONE: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

ALL: This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

***OPENING HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384 UMH
Pink Insert Collected

OPENING PRAYER, We have gathered once again, Lord of all and Lord of us. We come to lift our prayers, and to sing your praises once again. We come to ask and hope and long to see your justice in the land. We worship in that hope and will work in that Spirit. We ask this in Jesus' Name. **AMEN.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

+CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "I Just Want to Be a Sheep"

GOSPEL READING Luke 18:1-8 Pg.1596
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Choosing Faith: Persistent Faith

WE RESPOND

HYMN "Seek Ye First" #405 UMH

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

OFFERING "Ten Thousand Angels" Bethany Zeuch

***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** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #526 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE** "Shalom to You" #666 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.

Flowers:

Today's flowers were given by Margaret Hopkins in memory of her son Andrew Freeman.

Today's flowers are given in honor of Mary Ann Bowman's birthday. Happy birthday, Mary Ann.

Greeters:

Krisiti Donahue and Bob Rader

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

Tuesday	Oct. 21st	Acts Bible Study	CANCELED
Tuesday	Oct. 21 st	SPRC	6:30 PM
Thursday	Oct. 23 rd	Prayer Zoom	7:00 PM
Friday	Oct. 31 st	Trick or Treat	6-8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 2 nd	All Saints Day	
Tuesday	Nov. 4 th	Charge Conference	6:45 PM

Halloween: Trick-or-treat bags are needed for Halloween as well as individually wrapped candy. Please bring donations to the Office by Monday, October 20.

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction is gearing up to start. You can donate items until Oct. 26th. Bids will take place starting Nov. 2nd and run until Sunday Nov. 23rd. Items may be paid for and taken home after the Thanksgiving Breakfast on November the 23rd..

All money raised by the auction will go to the improvements for the Nursery School.

Please contact Melissa Warner at 717-468-7665 with any questions about the Silent Auction or if you need items picked up.

All Saints Sunday: All Saints Sunday Nov. 2nd. If you'd like anyone to mention that passed away this past year, please email the name and date to the church.

College Connection:

Please let the office know if your family includes students attending college/university. MGUMC would like to send them care packages at those particularly stressful times like midterms and finals. Please email the information to: mgumc@verizon.net College connection boxes - You are also invited to share love and support to our college students by donating items for the care packages

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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