

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We come today to worship the Triune God, just as we are.

ALL: Holy Trinity, meet us in our questions and help us embrace your mystery.

ONE: We come to encounter the God who is both immense and particular, greater than words can describe, and yet intimately present with us.

ALL: Holy Trinity, surround us with your love that brings order to chaos and community to individualism.

ONE: We come to give thanks to the God who created and sustains us, and who calls us to steward the earth and all that live in it.

ALL: Holy Trinity, empower us to enter into partnership with you for the flourishing of all creation with gratitude and joy.

ONE: We come to receive Christ's commission to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach the gospel wherever we go.

ALL: God, immerse us in the life of the Holy Trinity that we might go and welcome others into the dance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

***OPENING HYMN** *"Because He Lives"* #364 UMH
Pink Insert Collected

*** OPENING PRAYER** **Holy God, Three in One, you are our eternal hope, our companion in life, our liberating power. Lead us in your mission, baptizing and teaching in your blessed name, so that all may worship you to the end of the age. Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:16-20 Pg. 1521
EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12: 1-8 Pg. 1724
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Journey to the Center of Our Faith: The Heart of the Journey*

WE RESPOND

HYMN *"For the Healing of the Nations"* #428 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** *"Go, Make of All Disciples"* #571 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE** *"Thank You, Lord"* #84 UMH

***POSTLUDE**

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

The pink insert in 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; they will deliver your request to the pastor for sharing and inclusion in our prayer chain. If you are visiting with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.

Greeters:

Louise Rynd & Tom Maurer

Flowers:

Today's flowers are to celebrate Earth Day.

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

Sunday	April 19 th	Disciple Bible Study	6:00 – 7:30 PM Ebenezer Room
Tuesday	April 21 st	Acts Bible Study	10:00 AM Library
Friday	April 24 th	Worship Team	12:30 PM Library

Camp Scholarships:

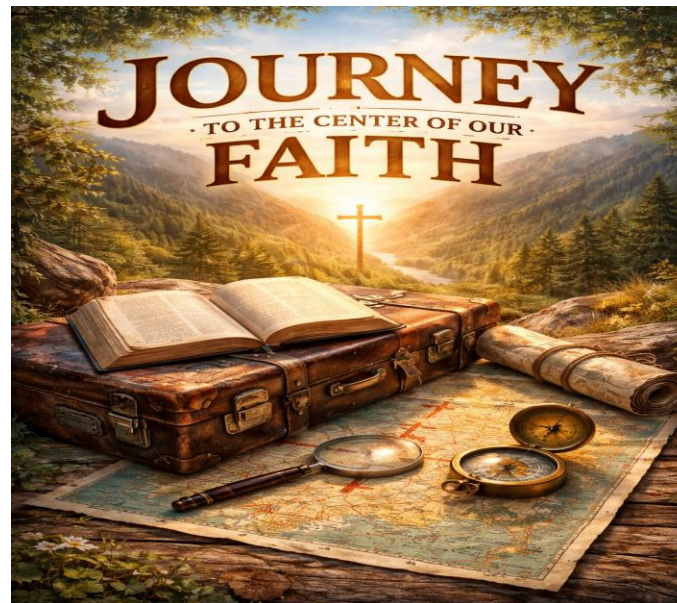
We have begun to collect Camp Scholarships for our children. Please mark your offering for camp. Thank you.

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, such as candy, snacks, fidget toys, stress balls, card games, etc...

Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

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



United Methodist Church's & Mount Gretna UMC's Mission Statement

**"To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world."**

Our Vision 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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