

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Sunday, April 5, 2026 | Easter!

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

**WE GATHER ~ BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**PRELUDE**

**GREETING**

ONE: Christ is risen!

**ALL: The Lord is risen indeed!**

ONE: Glory and honor, dominion, and power,  
be to God for ever and ever!

**ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #302 UMH  
*Pink Insert Collected*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

**ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

ONE: Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

**ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

ONE: God has transformed a dead end into a new beginning!

**ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

ONE: Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

**OPENING PRAYER:** In thy hand, we see the whole cosmos, Heaven and earth reflect the mystery of thy handiwork. In thy hand, we see a little child, Men and women are recaptured by the event of Bethlehem. In thy hand, we see the scar of the cross. Sin and death are vanquished by thy suffering on Golgotha. In thy hand, behold a new light, Day and night are transformed in the glory of Easter morning. In Jesus' Victorious Name, we pray, AMEN!

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

+ (Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 28:1-10 pg.1521

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *From Fear to Joy: The Power of a New Beginning*

**WE RESPOND**

**HYMN** "Easter People, Raise your Voices" #304 UMH

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

**PARISH NOTES & 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** "He Lives" #310 UMH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG RESPONSE** "He Is Lord" (x2) #177 UMH

**\*POSTLUDE**

(\*)= Please stand if able

(+)= 10:00 AM Service Only

*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 a visitor with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.*

**Greeters:**

Penny & Dave Harris

### **Flowers:**

Today's flowers are as a celebration of Carolyn's birthday.

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

Sunday	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Disciple Bible Study	Canceled
Monday	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Office Closed	
Tuesday	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Acts Bible Study	10:00 AM Library
Wednesday	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Finance Committee Adm. Council	6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Wednesday	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Gathering Place	Noon

### **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](mailto: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"***

## **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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