

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

**WE GATHER**

**WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Family of God, who are you?

**ALL: We are disciples formed in the image of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

ONE: Family of God, how does Jesus form you?

**ALL: By loving us and showing us how to love.**

ONE: Family of God, how does the Holy Spirit empower you?

**ALL: By loving us and inspiring us to love others as Christ loves us.**

ONE: Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

**ALL: We come to worship God, who shows us how to love and calls us to boldly love God and neighbor, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries*

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

**\*OPENING PRAYER** Almighty, all-merciful God, through Christ Jesus, you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and even to love our enemies. As we gather for worship and as we are sent from this place, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. Help us to encounter each person in light of the love and grace you have shown us in Christ. Establish among us a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled. We ask these things in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

**GOSPEL LESSONS**

Mark 12:28-34

Pg. 1546

John 13:34-35

Pg.1641

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *Journey to the Center of Our Faith: Love Boldly!*

**WE RESPOND**

**HYMN**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

#402 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**

"Jesu, Jesu"

#432 UMH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG RESPONSE**

"He Is Lord"(x2)

#177 UMH

**\*POSTLUDE**

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(\* )= 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:**

Zeuch Family

**Flowers:**

Today's flowers are to celebrate Greg (a friend of the church).

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

Sunday	April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Disciple Bible Study	6:00 – 7:30 PM Ebenezer Room
Tuesday	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Acts Bible Study	Canceled
Sunday	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Communion Food Bank	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Gathering Place</b>	<b>Noon</b>
Wednesday	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Adm Council	6:30 PM Ebenezer Room

**Camp Scholarships:**

We have begun to collect Camp Scholarships for our children. Please mark your offering for camp. We have a generous offer to match up to \$1,500. Thank you.

**Help Wanted**

We are looking for a "Hot Dog" committee. This committee will oversee making the hot dogs for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the day of the Community Porch Sale. This would include getting all the supplies. Please let the office know if you would like to be on this committee by May 10, 2026. Thanks

**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...

There are cards in the foyer to sign greetings to our college family.

**Pastor Andrea will be away** beginning today, Sunday, April 26th following worship, through Friday, May 1st as she is attending a Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation. The Five-Day Academy is an opportunity to be formed by learning, community, and a daily rhythm anchored in worship, with group time balanced by times of solitude and silence. Pastor Marilyn will be on call in case of emergency at 717-269-8613 or the office at 717-964-3241.

# Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

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



**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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