

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

### WE GATHER

#### WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

#### PRELUDE

**PENTECOST STORY** Acts 2:1-8, 11<sup>b</sup>-21

**HYMN** "Spirit of God" (verse 1) INSERT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Spirited People of God, no matter the bends & curves in our path,  
Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

**ALL: God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate & Helper.**

ONE: The Spirit lives in & among us, pointing us all toward the way,  
the truth, & the life of Jesus.

**ALL: God gives us the Spirit, our Guide & Guardian.**

ONE: The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to  
cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

**ALL: God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver & Story-Keeper.**

ONE: Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-  
creators of love & abundant life.

**ALL: We come to worship God & listen for the Spirit who  
inspires, guides, & helps us join in God's story, until God's  
kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Spirit of God" (verses 2,3,4) INSERT  
*Pink Insert Collected*

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us. Use us, your church, to uniquely  
speak words of witness, worship, & gratitude to those you have given us.  
In our worship, may we too feel the fresh wind of your Spirit. In our  
conversations, may we, like our Pentecost ancestors dare to share your  
love to ALL. On this day, in this place, and by your Spirit use your people  
to transform the world into your vision of peace, by the promise of Christ,  
the power of the Spirit, and the God who makes all things possible. Amen.

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### MEMORIAL DAY RECOGNITION

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*+(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 20:19-23 Pg. 1652

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Journey to the Center of Our Faith:  
*Living Our Faith—Becoming Ourselves"*

### WE RESPOND

**HYMN** "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire" #603 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** "We Are the Church" #558 UMH

#### \*BENEDICTION

**\*SONG RESPONSE** "Spirit of God" (verse 5) INSERT

#### \*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:**

Rick Andrews

**Flowers:**

Today's flowers are to celebrate Larry Bowman's granddaughter Hannah.  
Happy Birthday.

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

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|---------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Monday  | May 25 <sup>th</sup> | Office Closed          |                  |
| Tuesday | May 26 <sup>th</sup> | Acts Bible Study       | 10:00 AM Library |
| Sunday  | May 31 <sup>st</sup> | Prison Ministry Sunday |                  |

**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. To date we have collected \$1,180.00. We have this week and next week to reach the \$1,500 goal. Thank you.

**Thank you:**

Thank you to all who helped with the Celebration of Ministry Service. A huge thank you to Margaret Hopkins for all her work as Chair of the Endowment Committee, putting together all aspects of this service.

**Thank you:**

Thank you to all who helped with the annual porch, bake, and hot dog sale.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>**

We will celebrate Prison Ministry during the service. As part of the service, we will be collecting new white crew socks for the inmates. Please bring socks for this service.

# 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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