

**WE GATHER**

**WELCOME & PARISH NOTES**

**PRELUDE**

*+The children are dismissed to Sunday School*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Family of God, we gather to join our voices with all creation:

**ALL: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!**

ONE: God is our Creator who loves us and cares for us.

**ALL: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!**

ONE: God is our Savior who redeems us and teaches us to boldly love one another as God loves us.

**ALL: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!**

ONE: God is our Advocate who sustains us and empowers us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!**

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

**ALL: We come to worship God by boldly loving and joyfully serving, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries*

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #89 UMH

*Pink Insert Collected*

**\*OPENING PRAYER: We worship you, O God, with joyful noise—with words of praise and adoration spoken and sung in the name of Jesus who brought your love song to us in person. You put new words in our mouths and new intentions in our hearts, especially a new understanding of power. Power shaped by love and righteousness, justice, and mercy. We now know that power is not to be used to exploit or dominate, but to serve others as willingly as Jesus did.**

**His life and death demonstrated how the love of power could be transformed by the power of love. We gather here today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts as we experience it in Jesus and through the enabling gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**WE PROCLAIM**

**PSALTER** Psalm 100 #821 UMH  
**GOSPEL LESSON** John 13:1-17 pg. 1639

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *Journey to the Center of Our Faith: Serve Joyfully !*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WE RESPOND**

**COMMUNION: CONFESSION AND PARDON** #12 UMH

**HYMN** "Take Our Bread" #640 UMH

*+The children return to worship to receive communion with their families*

**OFFERING**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** #13-14 UMH

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer (Using Trespasses)  
Giving the Bread and the Cup  
Prayer following Communion

**WE GO FORTH**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Here I Am, Lord" #593 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 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.*

# Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

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

**Greeters:**

Patti and Mark Olson

**Flowers:**

Today's flowers are to celebrate Christie Reistad. Happy Birthday.

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

Tuesday	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Acts Bible Study	10:00 AM Library
<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 have a leader. Patti Olson will lead the Hot Dog Committee. I have a couple of volunteers to help her. This committee will oversee making the hot dogs for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the day of the Community Porch Sale. I will order supplies. Please let the office know if you would like to be on this committee by May 10, 2026. Thanks, Carolyn.

**Thank you** to all who made our Coins for UMCOR a success. We collected \$2,367.00. WOW!!

**Porch Sale:** The next event coming up is the porch sale. The date will be May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will also need donations for the bake sale. Please look for more information next week. We will need help with: set up, tear down, baked goods, hot dog sale, and other miscellaneous duties. There will be sign up sheets next week.



**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.

Ministers: All Members  
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