

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, June 7, 2026 | Second Sunday after Pentecost
Communion
* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

+The children are dismissed to Sunday School

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Like Abram and Sarai, God calls us to go into the unknown, trusting that God's promises are true.

ALL: Whether we are certain or full of doubts, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

ONE: God sends us into the world to journey by faith, believing that God's blessings are greater than anything we can imagine.

ALL: Whether the path is straight or winding, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

ONE: God gathers us today with trusted companions, those who also follow God's call, even when it does not make sense to the world around us.

ALL: Whether we journey with friends or feel all alone, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

ONE: As we gather to worship, may we remember that we are God's people, blessed by God to be a blessing to our world that is hurting and desperately in need of good news.

ALL: God, form us today as a family of faith, that your blessings might flow out of us and into our world, drawing all people into your promise of abundant life and flourishing. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

***OPENING HYMN** "Come, Thou Almighty King" #61 UMH/#8 TB
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

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 pg.1481

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Journey to the Center of Our Faith: On Our Way*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE RESPOND

COMMUNION: CONFESSION AND PARDON #12 UMH/INSERT

HYMN "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" #616 UMH/ INSERT

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

OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION #13-14 UMH/INSERT

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (Using Trespasses)

Giving the Bread and the Cup

Prayer following Communion

WE GO FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" #451 UMH/#562 TB

***BLESSING OF GRETNA GLEN SUMMER STAFF**

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE** "Spirit of the Living God" SEE BELOW

***POSTLUDE**

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (Repeat)

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

(*)= Please stand if able. (+)= 10:00 AM Service Only
 UMH= United Methodist Hymnal TB= Tabernacle 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. If you are a visitor with us and would like to share any information, please use the other use the other side of the insert.

Greeters:

Weismantel Family

Flowers:

Today's flowers are to celebrate Mary Ellen's 104th birthday.
 Happy Birthday Mary Ellen.

++++++ANNOUNCEMENTS++++++

Sunday	June 7 th	Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster	7:00 PM Tabernacle
Wednesday	June 10 th	Organ Recital	7:00 PM Sanctuary
Friday	June 12 th	Rick Rowe – Big Choir	7:00 PM Tabernacle
Friday	June 19 th	Lebanon County Fire Fighters Association Memorial Service	7:00 PM Sanctuary
Sunday	June 14 th	Any Roberts with the Four Piece Quartet	7:00 PM Tabernacle

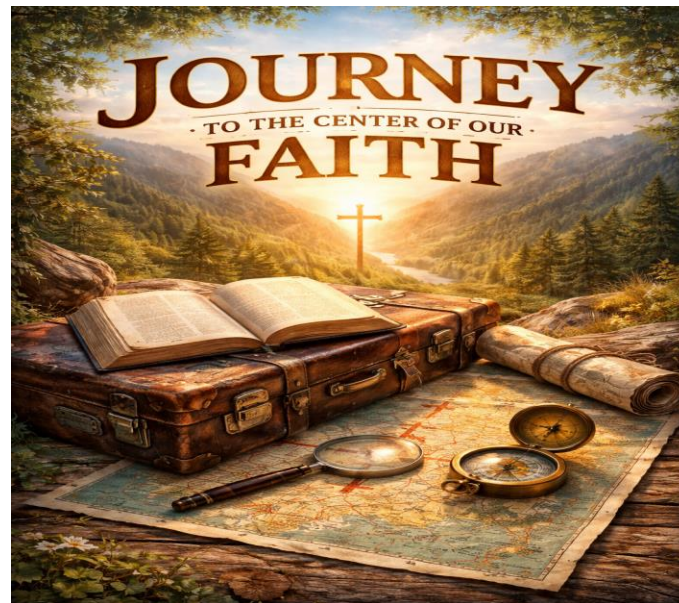
Firefighter's Association Memorial Service 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Mount Gretna UMC is honored to partner with our local Mount Gretna Fire Company to host the annual Lebanon County Firefighter's Association Memorial Service. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend this event honoring those men and women who have faithfully served their fire company and community and have died during this past year.

Caring Ministry - Cards in the Lobby

You are invited to take cards (including the mailing labels) to send to Sylvia Miller, on the loss of her daughter Lisa, and Linda & Carlton Dodge - as Linda continues in cancer treatment. Also, there is a card to sign for the Bowman family - Tommy, Mordecai, Athena and Lorelei to share our love.

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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