

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, July 26, 2026 | Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** -Lao-Tzu, 6th century BCE

ONE: If there is to be peace in the world,

ALL: There must be peace in the nations.

ONE: If there is to be peace in the nations,

ALL: There must be peace in the cities.

ONE: If there is to be peace in the cities,

ALL: There must be peace between neighbors.

ONE: If there is to be peace between neighbors,

ALL: There must be peace in the home.

ONE: If there is to be peace in the home,

ALL: There must be peace in the heart.

Let us worship together in spirit, in truth and in peace!

***OPENING HYMN** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #327 UMH/#45 TB
Pink Insert Collected

*** OPENING PRAYER**

O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. Amen.

~ from *All Things New*, written by Rev. Susan A. Blain and Rev. Scott Ressman.

Posted on the **United Church of Christ** website.

<http://www.ucc.org/50/pdfs/worship-resources.pdf>

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSONS Colossians 3:12-17 (The Message) Pg.1792

2 Corinthians 5:16-20 (The Message) Pg.1757

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Liturgy of the Ordinary:

Fighting with Someone I Care About:

Learning to Pass the Peace at Home

WE RESPOND

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you, always.

And also with you.

HYMN

"Be Still, My Soul"

#534 UMH/#712 TB

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

let us pray, **Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

concluding with unison Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

CALL TO ACTION

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** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" #431UMH/INSERT

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE** "This Is The Day" #657 UMH/#209 TB

***POSTLUDE**

(*)= Please stand if able | (+)= 10:00 AM Service Only
UMH= United Methodist Hymnal TB=Tabernacle 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 Al and Fern Dieffenbach's 55th wedding anniversary.

Today's flowers are to celebrate Andrea Haldeman's birthday.

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

Sunday	July 26 th	Citizens Sing	2:00 PM Sanctuary
Sunday	July 26 th	Choir Festival	7:00 PM Tabernacle
Wednesday	July 29 th	Liturgy of the Ordinary	1:00 PM Tabernacle
Sunday	Aug. 2 nd	Communion/ Food Bank	
Sunday	Aug. 2 nd	Lancaster British Brass Band	7:00 PM Tabernacle
Monday- Thursday	Aug. 3-6	VBS	6:30 – 8:00 PM

Vacation Bible School:

We will have Vacation Bible School (VBS) August 3-6; Monday – Thursday. It will be from 6:30 pm till 8:00 pm. We will be Celebrating the Psalms. The ages are from kindergarten – 13.

Citizens Sing...Freedom Rings!

With permission of the clergy and lay leadership of the church, all are invited to join in the initial meeting of a singing group here at MGUMC on Sunday afternoon, July 26th, from 2pm to 3pm or so. Tentatively titled 'Citizens Sing...Freedom Rings!' the event is planned as an informal and comfortable group singing using various styles of music that speak of freedom, hope, resilience, joy and resistance to tyranny, as a way of building community and expressing concerns in a peaceful way. Singing skill is not required, just a desire to sing. Instruments welcome! For questions, contact Bev Andrews, pastorbevta@gmail.com.

Receiving New Members : If you are interested in learning more about joining Mount Gretna United Methodist Church, contact Pastor Andrea.

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.

Ministers: All Members

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