

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, August 16, 2026 | 12th Sunday after Pentecost

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE; Here we can come together, people searching for healing and hope:

ALL: here we are met by the One who would bless us with abundant life.

ONE: Here we are called to gather as the family of God:

ALL: we may find those who are strangers, yet are beloved siblings Of ours.

ONE: Here we discover the truth that God makes no distinctions among us:

ALL: here we are welcomed and embraced by the One whose arms are open to all.

***OPENING HYMN** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name " #43 TB
Pink Insert Collected

OPENING PRAYER Lord Jesus, Son of God, your blessings know no boundaries that faith cannot cross. Strengthen us to trust in your mercy, reach out for your healing, and receive your reconciliation. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 15:21-28

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Faith That Won't Let Go"

WE RESPOND

HYMN

"He Touched Me"

#505 TB

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,

Prayer Response: Lord help us. **We trust in you.**
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**

"Victory in Jesus"

#353 TB

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE**

"Shalom to You"

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***POSTLUDE**

(*)= Please stand if able | 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 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.

Greeters:
Dave & Penny Harris

Flowers:
Today's flowers are to celebrate Dan Deitzel's birthday.

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

Sunday	Aug. 16 th	Anthracite Marimba Esemble	7:00 PM Tabernacle
Wednesday	Aug. 19 th	Gathering Place	Noon
Wednesday	Aug. 19 th	Liturgy of the Ordinary	1:00 PM Tabernacle
Wednesday	Aug. 19 th	Trustee's Meeting	1:30 PM
Friday	Aug. 28 th	Linda Dodge's Service	10 AM
Sunday	Sept. 20 th	Picnic at Gretna Glen	Save the Date

Thank-You

Thank you to all who made VBS a wonderful time. We had 8 attendees.

Linda Dodge

On August 28th there will be a Celebration of Life service for Linda Dodge. This will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:00am.

West District Day 2026 at Gretna Glen:

Friends,

All are welcome! Come to Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center on **August 29th, from 10:30am -3:00pm**, for a day of fellowship with your West District United Methodist family. Lunch will be served from 12:00-1:00, activities for All Ages, Music & Hymn Sing, Fellowship & Fun. This is a free event, com for the whole time or just a part.

Together in Ministry,

Rev. Jennifer Freymoyer

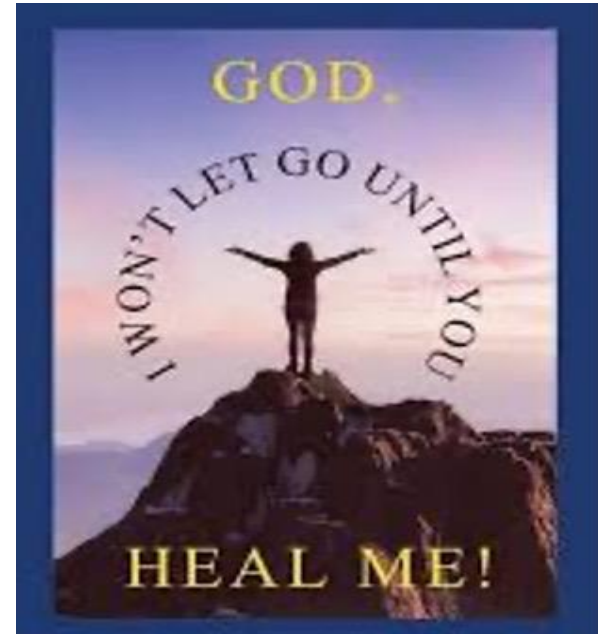
West District Superintendent

If you plan to attend, please let the office know by August 25.

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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

Pastor: Andrea Haldeman

Pastor of Visitation: Marilyn Nolte

Lay Leader: Dan Deitzel III

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