

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

**The children are dismissed to Sunday School*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Based on Psalm 8 and James 1*

ONE: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

ALL: When we look at the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have established, we are filled with wonder.

ONE: What are we that you are mindful of us? What are human beings that you care for us?

ALL: Yet you have made us, called us, and entrusted us with your good creation. We are your beloved children.

ONE: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.

ALL: We give thanks for the gifts of creation, for the gift of life, and for the grace that surrounds us each day.

ONE: God does not change like shifting shadows. God is faithful and steadfast.

ALL: We come before God with grateful hearts, ready to worship and ready to receive.

ONE: Come, let us worship the One whose name is majestic in all the earth.

ALL: We worship the God who provides every good and perfect gift! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth" #92 UMH/#793 TB
Pink Insert Collected

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Holiness, Word, Power, you reveal yourself as one God in three persons, a mighty, creative, life-generating dancer who invites your creation to join you in every step, at every turn. Catch us up in your love and lead us into your world to call others to follow you with singing and rejoicing. Amen.

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PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you, always.

And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 8:1-8 (NRSV) Pg.776

EPISTLE LESSON James 1:16-18 (The Message) Pg.1840

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Drinking Tea*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

WE RESPOND

COMMUNION: CONFESSION AND PARDON

INSERT

HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400 UMH/#11 TB

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

CALL TO ACTION

OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INSERT

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion

WE GO FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140 UMH/#139 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**

Greeters:

Penny and Dave Harris

Flowers:

Today's flowers are in honor of Larry Bowman's son-in-law, Mike, for his birthday.

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

Sunday	Sept. 6 th	Michael Faircloth	7:00 PM Tabernacle
Monday	Sept. 7 th	Office is Closed	
Wednesday	Sept. 9th	Gathering Place	Noon
Wednesday	Sept. 9 th	Trustees	1:30 PM Ebenezer Room
Wednesday	Sept. 9 th	SPRC	7:00 PM Ebenezer Room
	Sept. 13 th	Returning to Sanctuary	
Wednesday	Sept. 16 th	Adm. Council	6:30 PM Ebenezer Room
Sunday	Sept. 20 th	Picnic at Gretna Glen	Save the Date
Sunday	Sept. 20 th	Disciple Bible Study	6:00 PM Ebenezer Room

Nursery:

We have a nursery set up and ready to use. Thank you to Marcie and Jay for their hard work. Thank you to Phil, Cora and Emmilynn Leid for their donations. It is located upstairs in the last classroom. We need volunteers to man this. Please contact Marcie at: 717-368-0991 or mwbp66@gmail.com.

Toiletries & Sock Drive:

It is the 10th annual Toiletries and Sock Drive. There is a bin by the front door to donate items. These go to Make a Difference in Lebanon.

Disciple Bible Study:

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study - Sunday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Join Lay Leader, Dan Deitzel and Pastor Andrea in a survey of the New Testament starting Sunday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. based on the well-known Disciple curriculum. Participants will explore the Bible through daily readings, watching commentaries by noted Biblical scholars, and group discussions. Weekly sessions will last about 75 minutes and will be offered in a hybrid format—both in person, in the Ebenezer Room, and on Zoom. You are invited to prayerfully consider taking the next step in your faith journey by joining Disciples Bible Study. Please advise the office if you plan to participate! If you have any questions, or want to learn more, you are welcome to 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.

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