

MOUNT GRETN A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, October 11, 2026 | Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

**The children are dismissed to Sunday School*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching who long for nourishment found at your feast

ALL: Gather us in,

ONE: The done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering who long for the company found at your feast.

ALL: Gather us in,

ONE: the proud and pretentious, the sure and superior, the never inferior who long for the leveling found at your feast

ALL: Gather us in,

ONE: the bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers, the kind laughter makers who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

ALL: Gather us in,

ONE: from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes, to meet, to eat, to be given a seat, be joined to the vine, be offered new wine, become like the least, be found at the feast.

ALL: Gather us in!

***OPENING HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #89
Pink Insert Collected

*** OPENING PRAYER**

As we gather at your table from all over the world, O God, we pray that all those who come to you in the name of Christ might be one in Spirit. Knead us together in one loaf. Free us from jealousy and selfish ambition; unite us in mission and service to those in need everywhere. May we sow righteousness and harvest peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen. *Ruth Duck, **Flames of the Spirit**, Pilgrim Press, p.53.]*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4:1-9

Pg.1787

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:1-14

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Gathering at the Master's Table

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

WE RESPOND

COMMUNION: CONFESSION AND PARDON

INSERT

HYMN

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

#616

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

OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

#13-14

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion

WE GO FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN**

"One Bread, One Body"

#620

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE**

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

#176

***POSTLUDE**

(*)= Please stand if able | (+)= 10:00 AM Service Only

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.

Flowers:

Today's flowers are for the Chapmans' Anniversary.

Greeters:

Robert Rader & Kristi Donahue

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

Sunday	Oct. 11 th	Children's Choir Pizza Party	11:30 AM Fellowship Hall
Sunday	Oct. 11 th	Disciple Bible Study	6:00 PM Ebenezer Room
Wednesday	Oct. 14 th	Finance Admin Council	6:00 PM 6:30 PM Ebenezer
Wednesday	Oct. 21 st	Gathering Place	Noon
Wednesday	Oct. 21 st	Trustees	1:30 PM
Sunday	Oct. 25 th	Luncheon	11:30 AM
Thursday	Oct. 29 th	Trick or Treat	6-8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 1 st	All Saints Day	

Preparing for Trick-or-Treat

Trick-or-Treat Bags and individually wrapped candy are needed for Halloween. Please bring donations to the Office by Monday, Oct. 19.

Luncheon and Church Updates

Join us on Sunday, October 25, right after 10 AM service for a church update and luncheon in the fellowship hall. We will share important updates about our church's ministries. There will also be time for discussion. Lunch will be provided, so please call the office to RSVP. Let's come together to connect, celebrate, and enjoy a meal as a church family.

Silent Auction

The first day to bring Silent Auction items is Sunday, Oct. 25. The auction will start on Sunday, Nov. 8 and conclude at the Thanksgiving breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 29.

All Saints Day is Nov. 1st. Please provide the name and month of passing of your loved ones from Nov. 2025-2026 to the Office.

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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