

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, October 18, 2026 | Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather with grateful hearts, giving thanks to God for one another.

People: **We give thanks for the church and for the grace we share.**

Leader: We remember the work that grows from faith,

People: **the labor that flows from love,**

Leader: and the steadfastness that is born of hope.

People: **We give thanks for all the ways God is at work among us.**

Leader: Come, people of God—let our gratitude overflow!

People: **Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!**

***OPENING HYMN** *"We Are the Church"* #558
Pink Insert Collected

*** OPENING PRAYER** Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of your church—for those who have gone before us, for those who walk beside us, and for those who will come after us. Deepen our faith, strengthen our love, and renew our hope, so that the good news of Jesus Christ may overflow from our lives into the world. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON **1 Thessalonians 1:1–10** Pg. 1795

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *"Overflowing with Gratitude for the Church"*

WE RESPOND

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

I Give Thanks to God for You...

HYMN *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* #557

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,
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** *"Forth in Thy Name"* #438

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE** *"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"* #176

***POSTLUDE**

(*)= Please stand if able

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.

Flowers:

Today's flowers are to celebrate the birthdays of Mary Anne, Joyce, Harper, Penny, Gray and Wanda.

Greeters:

The Kalnas Family

+++++**ANNOUNCEMENTS**+++++

Sunday	Oct. 18 th	Children's Pumpkin Decorating	11:00 AM
Sunday	Oct. 18 th	Disciple Bible Study	6:00 PM Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	Oct. 20 th	Acts Bible Study	10:00 AM Library
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.

College Connection

Please let the office know if your family includes students attending college/university. MGUMC would like to send them care packages at those particularly stressful times like midterms and finals. Please email the information to: mgumc@verizon.net College connection boxes - You are also invited to share love and support to our college students by donating items for the care packages, such as candy, snacks, fidget toys, stress balls, card games, etc... There is also a College Connection Donation bucket in the lobby should you wish to support this effort financially. This will help with postage and any additional items that need to be purchased. Thank you so much for supporting our college students!

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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