

Mount Gretna United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 25, 2026 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

***** A Service of Hymns, Stories & Prayers *****

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

Bethany Zeuch

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: *We come with songs of joy and songs born of struggle.*

ALL: *We come to worship the God who has been faithful through it all.*

ONE: *We come carrying gratitude and grief, strength and weakness.*

ALL: *We bring the whole of our lives before God.*

ONE: *For Christ knows our weakness and meets us with mercy.*

ALL: *Christ calls us friends and welcomes us with grace.*

ONE: *So let us sing the faith that has carried generations before us.*

ALL: *And let us worship the God who carries us still!*

*** OPENING HYMN** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v.1-4) #57
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*** OPENING PRAYER** *Gracious and loving God, What a gift it is to gather in your presence, united in worship, song, and fellowship. Thank you for the gift of music that gives voice to our faith, strengthens our hope, and reminds us that we never walk alone. As we lift our voices today, open our hearts to your presence and remind us of the faithful friendship we have in Jesus Christ. May the words we sing become the prayers we live, and may our worship draw us closer to you and to one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

MOVEMENT I — Songs That Teach Us Our Faith

+CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Insert

"How Great Thou Art"

Insert

"To God Be the Glory"

Insert

MOVEMENT II — Songs That Carry Our Stories

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:12–17

HYMN "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

#526

+SPECIAL MUSIC "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

MOVEMENT III — Songs That Become Our Prayers

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 4:14–16

MEDITATION "What a Friend"

AN EMBODIED TIME OF PRAYER

For Those Who Are Grieving...

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Insert

For Those Who Are Weary or Afraid...

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Insert

For Those Seeking Guidance...

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Insert

concluding with unison Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

MOVEMENT IV — Songs That Carry Our Faith

WHAT HYMN HAS CARRIED YOU?

A hymn that has carried me is _____ because...

OFFERING

Bethany Zeuch

*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

FINALE – This is My Story, This is My Song

*CLOSING HYMN “Blessed Assurance” #369

*BENEDICTION

*SONG RESPONSE “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” #176

*POSTLUDE Bethany Zeuch

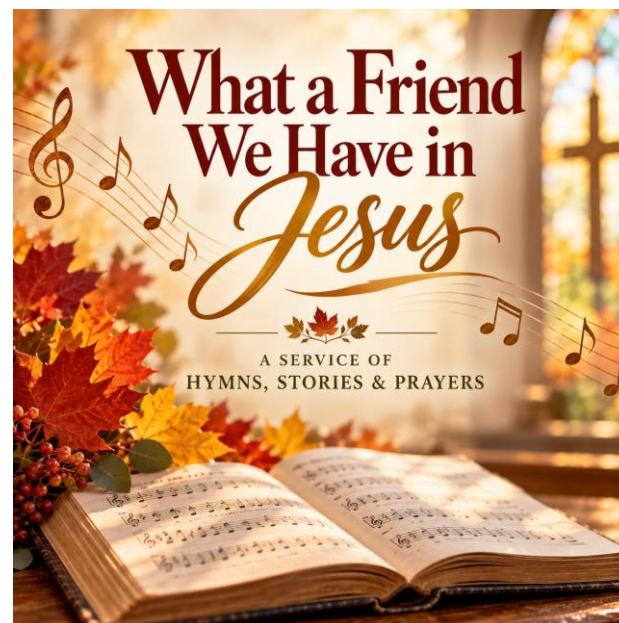
(*)= Please stand if able

(+)= 10 a.m. service only

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.

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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