

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, October 4, 2026 | Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather today because God has been faithful from generation to generation.

People: The Lord keeps covenant and steadfast love forever.

Leader: God delivered Israel, gave the law, and showed the way of life.

People: We come to listen, to learn, and to follow.

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

People: We are stewards of God's gifts and caretakers of God's vineyard.

Leader: Jesus Christ is the cornerstone rejected by many but chosen by God.

People: We place our trust in Christ and build our lives upon him.

Leader: God's grace has called us, claimed us, and sustained us.

People: With grateful hearts, we offer our worship, obedience, and praise.

All: Faithful God, receive our worship and shape us into a people who bear the fruits of your kingdom. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation" #559
Pink Insert Collected

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, You have entrusted us with the work of Your kingdom and called us to bear good fruit in the world. Forgive us when we forget that all we have belongs to You. Open our hearts to Your Word, guide us to be faithful stewards of Your gifts, and help us reflect Your love through lives of compassion, justice, and grace. May all that we do bring glory to You and help build Your kingdom here on earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, our cornerstone, we pray. Amen.

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 LESSON Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Pg.108

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:33-46 Pg.1505

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Whose Vineyard Is It Anyway?" Daniel W. Deitzel III

WE RESPOND

HYMN "How Firm A Foundation" #529

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** "The Church's One Foundation" #545

***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 presented by Nancy Bowman for Hillary & Amy's birthdays.

Greeters:

Patti & Mark Olson

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

Sunday	Oct. 4th	Disciple Bible Study	6:00 PM Ebenezer Room
Wednesday	Oct. 7th	SPRC	6-8 PM Ebenezer Room
Saturday	Oct. 10th	Pet Blessing	2:00 PM Tabernacle
Sunday	Oct. 11th	World Communion Sunday	
Sunday	Oct. 11th	Children's Choir Pizza Party	11:30 AM Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	Oct. 14th	Finance Admin Council	6:00 PM 6:30 PM Ebenezer
Wednesday	Oct. 21st	Gathering Place	Noon
Wednesday	Oct. 21st	Trustees	1:30 PM
Sunday	Oct. 25th	Luncheon	11:30 AM
Thursday	Oct. 29th	Trick or Treat	6-8 PM

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

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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