MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, November 8, 2026
Veterans Day | 24th Sunday after Pentecost

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: There are different gifts, but one God who gives them.
PEOPLE: We come with different abilities, experiences, passions, and stories.
LEADER: Christ calls and equips ordinary people for the work of ministry.
PEOPLE: No gift is too small when it is offered in love.
LEADER: We have not been given our gifts for ourselves alone.
PEOPLE: We are called to use them for one another and for the building up of Christ's body.
LEADER: So bring who you are and what God has entrusted to you.
ALL: Together, let us worship God and offer our lives in service.

***OPENING HYMN** *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* *INSERT*
Pink Insert Collected

*** OPENING PRAYER Giver of every good gift, you have created each of us with abilities, passions, experiences, and gifts that are uniquely our own. Yet you have not given them to us for ourselves alone. Open our eyes to recognize what you have placed within us. Free us from comparing our gifts with those of others and give us courage to offer what we have for the good of your people. By your Spirit, use our gifts to build up the body of Christ, serve our neighbors, relieve suffering, and share your love with the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

HONORING OUR VETERANS

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON **Ephesians 4:11-13** pg. 1779
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *"A Life Entrusted: Gifts for Building Up"*

WE RESPOND

HYMN *"Many Gifts, One Spirit"* #114

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** *"Here I Am, Lord"* #593
***BENEDICTION**
***SONG RESPONSE** *"Give Thanks"* *INSERT*
***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 for Kelly Kalnas
Thank you for filling in for Carolyn.
Greeters:
Jayme & Dan Owen

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

Sunday	Nov. 8th	Disciple Bible Study	6:00 PM Fellowship Hall
Wed.	Nov. 11th	Adm Council	6:30 PM Ebenezer RM
Wed.	Nov. 18th	Gathering Place	Noon
Wed.	Nov. 18th	Charge Conference	7:00 PM Sanctuary
Saturday	Nov. 21st	Decorating the Church	10:00 AM
Sunday	Nov. 22nd	Thanksgiving Breakfast	9:30 AM Fellowship Hall

College Connection
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! **Boxes will go out Nov. 30th. Please bring in items for these.**

Silent Auction
The first day to bring Silent Auction items is Sunday, Oct. 25. The auction will start on Sunday, Nov. 1 and conclude at the Thanksgiving breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 22.

Decoration of the Sanctuary
All are invited to join in decorating for the holiday season. The newsletter states the date as Nov. 28th, but it will be the week before, Nov. 21st. Please join the fun.

Thanksgiving Breakfast
Save the date: November 22nd is our annual Thanksgiving Breakfast. This will be at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. There will **NOT** be an 8:30 AM service that day.

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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