

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, July 21, 2024
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE Jesus Loves Me Arr. Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word called into being the fragrant flowers,
the birds who sweetly sing, the trees that bring shade.

**In awe, we come into the presence of the God of vivid
imagination.**

God's arms reach down and gather up children, lovingly placing us
in grace's lap.

In joy, we reach up to the God who loves us completely.

God's Spirit fills our lungs, so we can cry out for justice
for the broken, the young, the old, the abandoned of our time.

In service, we join with our God to build hope in our world.

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN* #77 UMH/#147 TB
"How Great Thou Art"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE+
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

GOSPEL READING Mark 12:28-34
Pg.1546

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Pg.1746

SERMON "Bearing Good Fruit: Love is a Verb"

HYMN* #170 UMH/#92 TB
"O How I Love Jesus"

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING They'll Know We Are Christians Arr. Peter Scholtes

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*

CLOSING HYMN* #519 UMH/INSERT
"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING*

SONG RESPONSE* See Below
"Lead Me Lord"

POSTLUDE*

(*)= Please stand if able
(+)= 10:00 AM Service Only
UMH= United Methodist Hymnal
TB =Tabernacle Hymnal

Lead Me Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord,
Thou, Lord only,
That makes me dwell in safety.

Greeters & Ushers 10:00

Tommy Bowman Family

Flowers: Today's flowers are from Greg Papariella in memory of his wife Linda.

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

Sunday	July 21	Knotwork Band	7PM TAB
Tuesday	July 23	The Shattered Lantern	8:30 AM
Wednesday	July 31	Wet N Wacky Wednesday	6:30
Wednesday	July 23	The Shattered Lantern	1:00 PM

Stuff the Bus

We are collecting school supplies for the children in need. Please see the insert for items needed. If you'd rather make a monetary donation, please mark the memo line: Stuff the Bus.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Practice the Spiritual Discipline of Contemplation with Pastor Andrea

Beginning this week, join Pastor Andrea either Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. or Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the beauty of the Tabernacle as she leads us in the practice of Contemplation. As we work through the Fruits of the Spirit series, we will focus every few weeks on a different spiritual practice. Contemplation is a great place to begin, as it invites us to wake up to God's presence in all things. Ronald Rolheiser in *The Shattered Lantern* describes it this way: "Contemplation is about waking up. To be contemplative is to experience an event fully, in all its aspects."

On August 11th we will be meeting at the Playhouse in Chautauqua for the annual community service. This will be at 10. We will have an 8:30 service here as usual.

Help: We need help this summer with setting up the tabernacle for the Sunday 10 AM services. Please let Carolyn or Don Bowman know if you are willing to help.

Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

"A church for all seasons and all people"



Our Mission 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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