

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, July 28, 2024
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 100*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever; God's faithfulness to all generations.

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN* #89 UMH/#90 TB
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE⁺

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

GOSPEL READING John 16:17-24
Pg.1644

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
Pg.1799

SERMON Bearing Good Fruit: Joy, Joy, Joy!

HYMN* #364 UMH/#358 TB
"Because He Lives"

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING "Majesty"

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* #246 UMH/#270 TB
"Joy to the World"

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

Dan Deitzel

Flowers: Today’s flowers are for Al & Fern Dieffenbach’s Anniversary. Happy Anniversary.

+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS+++++

Sunday	July 28	Choir Festival	7 PM TAB
Tuesday	July 30	The Shattered Lantern	8:30 AM
Wednesday	July 31	The Shattered Lantern	1:00 PM
Wednesday	July 31	Wet N Wacky Wednesday	6:30
Sunday	Aug 4	Food Bank Communion	

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

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 wonderful 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.

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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