

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
September 8, 2024  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

\* \* \* ORDER OF WORSHIP \* \* \*

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES  
PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: On an ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God:

**ALL: we come, trusting God will speak to us;  
we come, hoping God will surprise us.**

ONE: On this day, like every other day, we seek to follow  
Jesus:

**ALL: we follow, believing Jesus will be with us;  
we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.**

ONE: On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:

**ALL: we open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us;  
we open our hands, that we might be a gift to  
others.**

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN\* #310 UMH /#368 TB  
*"He Lives"*

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

EPISTLE READING Romans 5:1-11  
Pg. 1713

SERMON Bearing Good Fruit: Visionary Faith

HYMN\* #474 UMH /#684 TB  
*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

PASTORAL PRAYER, 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\*

CLOSING HYMN\* #140 UMH /#139 TB  
*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING\*

SONG RESPONSE\* See Below  
*"Majesty"*

POSTLUDE\*

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

**Majesty**

Majesty, worship his majesty:  
unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own;  
his anthem raise.  
So, exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship his majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

**Flowers:** Today's flowers are given by Margaret Hopkins in honor of Mary Ann Freeman.

**Greeters & Ushers :** Weismantel Family

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

Sunday	Sept.8 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Pizza Party	After 10AM Service
Tuesday	Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Practicing the Presence of God	Tabernacle 9:00 AM
Wednesday	Sept.11 <sup>th</sup>	Practicing the Presence of God	Tabernacle 1:00 PM
Sunday	Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	PICNIC!!	Gretna Glenn 10 AM
Tuesday	Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Adm Council	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gathering Place	Noon
Wednesday	Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wet N Wacky Meeting	Noon
Saturday	<b><u>Oct. 12<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Pet Blessing Service	Tabernacle 2 PM

**Seeking Hosts**

The Transition Team is seeking hosts for cottage gatherings and porch visits as part of our welcoming of Pastor Andrea and her family. We will be scheduling these in September or early October depending upon both the host and Pastor Andrea's calendar. Hosts will set the time and day of the gathering and determine whether to offer coffee and donuts, appetizers, sit-down meals, or desserts. Hosts also will invite participants. The office can help with contact information for participants. These are informal gatherings to help Pastor Andrea get to know the congregation and community. She is particularly interested in learning what people love about Mount Gretna UMC and what challenges and opportunities we see for the next season of ministry. Please contact the office if you can host a gathering. If you are not comfortable in a group setting and would like to get to know our new pastor, please reach out to her directly.

# 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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