

WE GATHER

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

+The children are dismissed to Sunday School

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

ALL: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

ONE: Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and do you sit astounded at God's greatness?

ALL: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

ONE: Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

ALL: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

ONE: Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

ALL: Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.

***OPENING PRAYER** Ever faithful to God, we give thanks for chances to explore times of testing when being faithful is hard. When we are tempted to give up, make us aware of those who did not give up. When we are discouraged, remind us of faith heroes who persevered in the face of overwhelming odds. Guide us by your Spirit as we seek to revive our faith. In the name of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384 UMH
Pink Insert Collected

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 31:8-9 Pg.982

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12 Pgs.1473

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived it ~ Persevering to the End

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE RESPOND

COMMUNION: CONFESSION AND PARDON INSERT

***HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" #451 UMH
+The children return to worship to receive communion with their families

OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer (Using Trespasses)
Giving the Bread and the Cup
Prayer following Communion

WE GO FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** "Here I Am, Lord" #593 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE** "Bind Us Together" INSERT

***POSTLUDE**

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

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 visiting with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.

Flowers:

The flowers today are in honor of Sylvia Miller.

Greeters:

Louise Rynd & Tom Maurer

+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS+++++

Tues.	March 4 th	Acts Bible Study	10 AM Library
Wed.	March 5 th	Ash Wednesday	7:00 PM Cornwall UMC
Sunday	March 9 th	Lenten Bible Study	11:15 Fellowship Hall
Tues.	March 11 th	Adm Council	7:00 PM

March 9th: Time changes. We spring ahead one hour.

College Connection:

We are beginning to collect items to send to our college youth. Please, if you would like to donate snacks, games, supplies or anything else please drop them in the office. Thank you.

MGUMC Midweek Meditation:

If you are looking for a spiritual touchpoint midweek, you are invited to subscribe to Pastor Andrea's weekly email. This new initiative aims to help us stay connected and be encouraged as we live out our faith daily. To subscribe, please email Pastor Andrea at revandrehaldeman@gmail.com

LENT 2025

EVERYTHING [IN] BETWEEN

MGUMC begins a new sermon series for Lent: "Everything [in] Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes." The series will invite us to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to being transformed. Daily devotionals will also be available.

LENTEN STUDY

Please join us after the 10 a.m. service to continue exploration of how we can navigate together our polarized world. Each week, we will focus on one of the above themes and consider what it means, how it resonates in our lives and where it leads us. If you are interested in gathering to learn, study and forge connections, let the office know, so we can plan a light lunch.

COINS FOR LENT

You are invited to join MGUMC's *Coins for Lent 2025*, a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and its vital ministry of disaster recovery for those impacted in the south by Hurricane Helene and in California by the devastating wildfires. Giving calendars are available this morning! On Easter, bring your collection bank to worship, so that we can donate all coins to UMCOR.

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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