

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, March 9, 2025 | 1st Sunday in Lent

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

**WELCOME & PARISH NOTES
PRELUDE**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: If you have days when you feel a little bit lost and a little bit found,

ALL: then we are in the right place.

ONE: If you have days when you are desperate for rest and eager to grow,

ALL: then we are in the right place.

ONE: If you have days when your prayers could be both shouts and silence,

ALL: then we are in the right place.

ONE: God meets us here, in the messy middle of our lives.

ALL: So may we bring our full selves into this service and into this season.

ONE: With God's help, may it be so.

ALL: Let us worship our all-loving God.

***OPENING HYMN** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" #269 UMH
Pink Insert Collected

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

CONFESSION & PARDON

INSERT

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 9:51-62 Pg.1580

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Everything In Between: Intention & Action*

WE RESPOND

HYMN

"The Summons"

INSERT

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**

"Where He Leads Me"

#338 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE**

"Jesus Remember Me"

#488 UMH

***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 memory of Andrew Freeman by Margaret Hopkins.

Greeters:

Kristi Donahue & Bob Rader

+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS+++++

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| Sunday | March 9 th | Lenten Bible Study | 11:15 AM Fellowship Hall |
| Tues. | March 11 th | Acts Bible Study | 10 AM Library |
| Tues. | March 11 th | Adm Council | 7:00 PM Ebenezer Rm |
| Wed. | March 12 th | Lenten Service | 7:00 PM Zerr Chapel |
| Thurs. | March 13 th | Nurture Team | 10 AM Library |
| Wed. | March 19 th | Gathering Place | Noon |

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 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.

Camp Scholarships:

During the season of Lent, we will be collecting Camp Scholarships. We have a member that has generously offered to meet any donations up to \$1,000.

Nurture Team:

If planning activities for our church interests you, please come to a planning meeting on March 13th at 10AM. If you are interested, but cannot make the meeting, please reach out to Marcie Lloyd at mwbp66@gmail.com or Jay Benjamin at j1benja78@gmail.com. Either Marcie or Jay will send you the notes from the meeting.

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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