



Welcome to Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church!

We hope you find a spiritual home with us or another church community.

Children are welcome here! We know it can be stressful to come to church with your family. If your child makes a little noise or is a little squirmy, we consider it a blessing. Activity bags are at the front of the sanctuary. Childcare and Sunday School are available during Sunday worship.

The nursery is located in the lower level of the education wing.

Children are also welcome to join us upstairs in the sanctuary for worship.

We welcome all people no matter where they are on the journey of faith, to find a spiritual home at Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church.

We believe that God is love and this love is expressed fully in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We live this out in loving community with one another and humble service to our neighborhood.

Come grow with us! We look forward to seeing you again!

Until then, check out our Facebook page, website and this worship guide.

You may find an opportunity that is just right for you!

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Adult Sunday School: 9 AM • Children's Sunday School: 10:10 AM

Sunday Worship: 10 AM

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, January 28, 2024

Introit *"Sanctuary" by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs* **The Faith We Sing, #2164**
Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

Flowers on the Altar:

See pages 4 for more events, details, and ministry opportunities.

Prelude *Jim Connerly, Piano - Bill Jackson, Bass - John Zappa, Drums* **The Jazz Trio**

*** Call to Worship** **Greg Spitler, Liturgist**

(The liturgist (L) makes statements of faith. The congregation (C) reads the words in bold.)

L: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart
in the company of the upright in the congregation.

C: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

L: The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy.

C: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

L: God's works extend to you and me and the whole community as the Spirit nurtures gifts
and graces in each of us.

C: Great are the works of the Lord, whose love and grace endures forever!

L: God raises up some to be prophets to help us follow God's voice,
yet all are called to lead by following.

**C: We affirm the gifts of those who are called to be truth-tellers in our midst,
helping us all to answer the call to be truth-doers. Great are the works of the Lord! Amen.**

*** Opening Hymn** **The Jazz Trio**

"Great Is thy Faithfulness"

The United Methodist Hymnal #140

*** Opening Prayer** **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

(The pastor (L) leads the prayer. The congregation (C) reads the words in bold.)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: God of power and might, you sent prophets to your people, calling us back to your covenant, and teaching us your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son Jesus, teaching with such authority, that our eyes were opened to see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds, that we may understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. In Jesus' name, we pray.

C: Amen.

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ** **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

P: May the peace of Christ be with you!

C: And also with you! *(During this time, we ask that you greet one another with a peace sign, an elbow bump, a bow or a simple nod of the head)*

Children's Moments

Rev. Jerome Weaver

(We invite children, 12 years of age and under, to come forward. After Children's Moments, we invite children to go with loving caregivers to Sunday school.)

"Jesus Loves Me" (Verse 1)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #191

*** Indicates please stand, if able.**

The Old Testament Reading*Psalms 111 (niv)***Greg Spitler, Liturgist**

- 1 Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
2 Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.
3 Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.
4 He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.
5 He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
6 He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.
7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
8 They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.
9 He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—
 holy and awesome is his name.
10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.
 L: The Word of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God!**Responsive Special Music****The Jazz Trio****The Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings****Greg Spitler, Liturgist**

The Offertory

The Jazz Trio

* Doxology

The Jazz Trio

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*The United Methodist Hymnal, #95***Prayer of Dedication****Congregation, led by Liturgist**

God of justice, mercy, and compassion; we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar and pray they will be used to make your amazing love known to all. Then, most often we leave and return to our weekday lives, expecting someone else to make that happen. Remind us that your prophets, your leaders, your missionaries, were called and raised up from "among the people." Help us open our lives and our minds to the possibility that we might be the ones you would call and send. We pray this in the name of Christ, our teacher and our redeemer. Amen. (*Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Mark 1:21-28*)

*** Invitation to Prayer****The Jazz Trio***"He Who Began a Good Work in You"**The Faith We Sing, #2163***Morning Prayer****Rev. Jerome Weaver**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

** Indicates please stand, if able.*

*** The New Testament Reading** 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (niv)

Rev. Jerome Weaver

1 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. 2 Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. 3 But whoever loves God is known by God. 4 So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that "An idol is nothing at all in the world" and that "There is no God but one." 5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"), 6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. 7 But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. 8 But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. 9 Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? 11 So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge.

12 When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

L: The word of God, for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *"Its All About the Witness"*

Rev. Jerome Weaver

*** Closing Hymn**

The Jazz Trio

"Together We Serve"

The Faith We Sing #2175

*** Benediction**

Rev. Jerome Weaver

*** Postlude**

The Jazz Trio

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NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for the Altar: Flower Order forms for 2024 are on the back tables; or see Sylvia Lawson.

Snow Related Closures: will be announced on **channel 12**, WKRC-TV.

Office will be closed if Mt. Healthy Schools are closed.

Giving Tree: Please remember our Mt. Healthy elementary schools' students and our community by providing new winter hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks. Our outside "Giving Tree" will accept donations through the winter months. **Thank you for caring!**

Pancake Breakfast: is **NEXT** Saturday, February 3rd, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Come Hungry!

Messy Church: is Saturday, February 24th, 5-7 pm. All Families are invited for free food, stories, crafts, family faith, and fun!

Volunteers Needed: to run the PowerPoint for the TV monitors on Sunday's.

See Gerry De Marco or Tim Vehr, or call the office to volunteer (**513-931-5827**)

To activate the Prayer Chain: please call Lenora De Marco at **513-884-5111**.

Mt. Healthy Alliance: is looking for volunteers and a food pantry manager.

Contact **Jacqueline** at **513-521-1162**.



Free Pancake Breakfast

Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church

7612 Perry St.

Mt. Healthy, OH 45231

10:00 AM -12:00 PM

All you can eat pancakes, juice, fruit, sausage and children's crafts

Carry-out or Dine in. Everyone Welcome!

Saturday, February 3rd, 2024



Come learn about God's love
through crafts, activities,
a story and shared meal!

Saturday ☺ February 24, 2024 ☺ 5:00 PM
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Everyone of all
ages is welcome!