



***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*

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 8, 2024**

**Introit**      *“Sanctuary”* by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs

**Praise Team**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Jerome Weaver**

*Flowers on the Altar: In Loving Memory of my husband Bob; by Mary Reep.*

*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**

**Gerard De Marco, Liturgist**

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

L: Welcome, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

**C: We have come to worship God, who is the maker of us all!**

L: What do you seek from God, our Creator?

**C: We seek God’s wisdom to guide us and show us how to live.**

L: Are you ready to follow when God’s wisdom leads down unexpected paths?

**C: We will trust, and we will follow wherever God’s wisdom leads us.**

L: Well then, Beloved of God, what are you waiting for?

**C: Come! Let us worship and seek God’s uncommon wisdom together! Amen.**

**\* Opening Hymn**

**The Jazz Trio**

*“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*

*The United Methodist Hymnal #526*

**\* 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: Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, even Jesus Christ. Amen.

**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 146 (niv)*      **Gerard De Marco, Liturgist**

1 Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul. 2 I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. 3 Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. 4 When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. 5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God. 6 He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them; he remains faithful forever. 7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, 8 the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. 9 The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. 10 The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

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**

**Gerard De Marco, 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**

***Loving Creator, we dedicate these offerings with hearts guided by your wisdom and grace.***

***As we gather on this September Sunday, may our gifts embody the teachings of Proverbs, spreading honor, kindness, and justice to all. Use these offerings to uplift those in need, fostering hope and peace in our community. May we live out your wisdom in our actions and generosity. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen. (Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23)***

**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

\* **The Gospel Reading**      *Mark 7:24-37 (niv)*

**Rev. Jerome Weaver**

**Jesus Honors a Syrophenician Woman's Faith**

24 Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret.

25 In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet.

26 The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

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\* **The Gospel Reading**                      *Mark 7:24-37 (niv) (cont.)*                      **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

27 "First let the children eat all they want," he told her,  
"for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."  
28 "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."  
29 Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."  
30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

**Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man**

31 Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon,  
down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.  
32 There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk,  
and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.  
33 After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears.  
Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.  
34 He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!"  
(which means "Be opened!").  
35 At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened  
and he began to speak plainly.  
36 Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so,  
the more they kept talking about it.  
37 People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said.  
"He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**                                      *"A Bold Kind of Faith"*

**Rev. Jerome Weaver**

\* **Closing Hymn**

**The Jazz Trio**

*"Wonderful Words of Life"*

*The United Methodist Hymnal #600*

\* **Benediction**

**Rev. Jerome Weaver**

\* **Postlude**

**The Jazz Trio**

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**NOTES**

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**Flowers on the Altar:** *In Loving Memory of my husband Bob; by Mary Reep.*

**The Choir** will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 11th, 6-7pm, and they will sing in the service on September 15th. Please join us in the choir room. - **Joe Dilley**

**United Women of Faith:** will meet on **Monday, September 16th, from 10:30am-2:30 pm** in the **Fellowship Hall.**

**IFD Meeting:** Tue., Sept. 17, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall.

**Church Council Meeting:** Wed., Sept. 18, 7:00 pm, parlor.

**Vacation / Office Closed:** The church office will be **closed Sept. 17th & 19th** and will **re-open** on Tuesday, **Sept. 24th at 9:00 am.**

**Messy Church:** will resume Saturday, **September 28th, 5-7 pm.** **All Families** are invited for free food, stories, crafts, family faith, and **fun!**

**Free Pancake Breakfast:** October 5th, 2024, 10:00am - 12:00pm. Enjoy music, children's crafts, and free Pancakes! **Come Hungry!**

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

See Gerry DeMarco or Tim Vehr, or call the office to volunteer **513-931-5827** and leave a message.

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



## **Free Pancake Breakfast**

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**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, October 5th, 2024**



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

Saturday ☺ September 28, 2024 ☺ 5-7 PM  
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Everyone of all  
ages is welcome!