



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*

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, October 13, 2024

Introit

(All Sing)

The Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

Tim Vehr, Lay Speaker

Flowers on the Altar: In honor of Shari and Danny Mayer's 6th Wedding Anniversary; by Darlene Long.

See pages 5-6 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: We gather to listen to the voice of Jesus say, "Come, follow me!"

But will you follow when Jesus also calls you to release the hold wealth has on you?

C: We want to follow Jesus anywhere he leads, and we can with God's help.

L: We gather to remember all that God has taught us through scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. But what about when we have to put what we know into action?

C: We want to put our faith into action, and we can with God's help.

L: We gather to live into God's economy of abundance, recognizing the riches of the prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that surround us. But what about when the world tempts us back into scarcity?

C: We want to turn away from scarcity and choose God's abundance, and we can with God's help.

L: We gather to shine as a beacon of a new way of living where following Jesus means sharing in God's abundant gifts together. But will you keep shining when others try to pull you astray, putting the pursuit of wealth before the pursuit of God?

C: With God's help, we will resist the pull of wealth and the fear of scarcity and pursue the way of love, abundance, and flourishing for all creation. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

The Jazz Trio

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

The United Methodist Hymnal #452

* Opening Prayer

Tim Vehr, Lay Speaker

(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 infinite patience and wisdom, we come to you with so many things that claim our time, our energy, our resources, our very lives. We are easily drawn away from serving you by the enticements of the world for wealth, ease, and comfort. Just like the young man in the scriptures, we are owned by our possessions, held captive by our treasures. You continue to offer to us healing and hope. You seek to transform our lives from captivity to freedom in witness and service. We look at the world in which there is so very much warfare and strife, anger and hatred, and we easily become overwhelmed by the needs and the stresses. Help us to place our lives and our trust in you, knowing that with your help, many wonderful things can be accomplished which will provide hope and peace for others and ourselves. Give us courage and strength to truly be your disciples. We ask this in Jesus' Name; Amen.

C: Amen.

* Indicates please stand, if able.

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Tim Vehr, Lay Speaker

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**

Jeanine Smith, Sunday School Coordinator

(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

The New Testament Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16 (niv)

Gerard De Marco, Liturgist

12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.

Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,

Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses,

but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,

so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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

Gracious God, you are our provider and sustainer. We bring our gifts today, mindful of your abundant love and mercy. As we offer these tithes and offerings, we ask that you remind us of the call to let go of our earthly attachments and follow you wholeheartedly. Bless these gifts and use them to further your kingdom on earth, so that all may experience your grace and love. May our giving reflect our trust in you and our commitment to serve others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Mark 10:17-31)

Invitation to Prayer

The Jazz Trio

"He Who Began a Good Work in You"

The Faith We Sing, #2163

Morning Prayer

Tim Vehr, Lay Speaker

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

** Indicates please stand, if able.*

*** The Gospel Reading** *Mark 10:17-31 (niv)* **Tim Vehr, Lay Speaker**

17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.

19 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’ ”

20 “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

22 At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,
“How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again,
“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

27 Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

28 Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

29 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel

30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *“Are You Rich?”*

Tim Vehr, Lay Speaker

*** Closing Hymn**

The Jazz Trio

“The Summons”

The Faith We Sing #2130

*** Benediction**

Tim Vehr, Lay Speaker

*** Postlude**

The Jazz Trio

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: In honor of Shari & Danny Mayers 6th Wedding Anniversary; Darlene Long.

Funeral Arrangements: for Alice Kent are **Monday, October 21st, Viewing/Wake at 11:00 am, Funeral service at 12 noon, both at Arlington Cemetery on Compton Rd.**

United Women of Faith: will meet on Monday, October 21st, from 10:30am-2:30 pm in the Parlor.

Messy Church: is Saturday, October 26, 5-7 pm.

All Families are invited for free food, stories, crafts, family faith, **and fun!**

Trunk or Treat: will be **Sunday, October 27th, from 4-5pm in the South Parking Lot.**

All Saints Sunday: Please add names to the list of any who have gone to heaven before us on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary, so we may honor their memory on Nov. 3rd.

Deadline is October 27th.

Free Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, **November 2nd, 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!**

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.**



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

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Everyone of all
ages is welcome!