



***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*

## First Sunday of Advent, December 01, 2024

Introit (All Sing)

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

The Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jerome Weaver

**Flowers for the Altar:** In loving memory of Tom Kirby Sr., Diana's dear father;

By: Jay & Diana Klenk.

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See pages 5-6 for more details and ministry opportunities

Prelude "Lord Jesus, You Have Prepared" By: James Mansfield

Joe Dilley, organ

\* Call to Worship

Bea Greene, Liturgist

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

L: Children of God, pay attention! The days are coming when God's peace will reign and all creation will flourish under the reign of our Creator.

**C: The days are surely coming!**

L: Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming and are already here when God will come near and show us how to recognize God's reign among us.

**C: The days are surely coming and are already here!**

L: Children of God, be alert and listen! God has come near to build the kin-dom on the earth here and now. Will you join in?

**C: The days are surely coming and are already here! We come to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen, and to follow God's call to build the kin-dom of earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn

Joe Dilley, organ

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 1-3 )

The United Methodist Hymnal #211

\* Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Pastor (P), Liturgist (L), Congregation (C)

Sung Response

"Away in a Manger" (Verse 3)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #217

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jerome Weaver

(The pastor (P) 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 our Expectation,

We praise you for surely-coming days when you will execute Shalom: love, peace, health, and well-being for the people who walked in darkness. We await with assurance the surely-coming days when AIDS is cured, when every gun is beaten into tools for rebuilding, when every child has the opportunity to develop God-given gifts, and when every adult sees every child as a gift from God. We desire, O God of our Hope, surely-coming days when no city fears hurricanes, no country fears nuclear bombs, and no tribe fears annihilation by another. We thank you for the surely-coming days when no person fears another because God chose to create all people in the diversity of God's image. We thank you for our hope and for your surely-coming days. Amen.

**C: Amen.**

\* Indicates please stand, if able.

**\* 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*

**The Old Testament Reading**

*Psalm 25:1-10 (niv)*

**Bea Greene, Liturgist**

1 In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

2 I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

3 No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

4 Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.

5 Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.

6 Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

10 All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands  
of his covenant.

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Responsive Special Music**

**Chancel Choir Ensemble; Joe Dilley, director**

*"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"*

*By: Michael Praetorius*

**The Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings**

**Bea Greene, Liturgist**

The Offertory *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"* *By: Mark Roberts* Joe Dilley, organ

**\* Doxology**

Joe Dilley, organ

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*The United Methodist Hymnal, #95*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Congregation, led by Liturgist**

***Gracious God, in this season of anticipation, we offer our gifts with hopeful hearts. As we prepare for the fullness of your kingdom, may these offerings be a sign of our readiness and desire to live attentively. Use them to bring justice, righteousness, and joy to our world.***

***Surprise us with your presence and help us to look up, to pay attention, and to embrace the hope you bring. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Luke 21:25-36)***

**Invitation to Prayer**

**Joe Dilley, organ**

*"He Who Began a Good Work in You"*

**The Faith We Sing, #2163**

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

**Morning Prayer**

**Rev. Jerome Weaver**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

\* **The New Testament Reading**      *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (niv)*      **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?

10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.

12 May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**      *"Seeking What's Coming"*

**Rev. Jerome Weaver**

**Holy Communion**

*(You do not have to be a member of Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church to partake in Holy Communion. Those who are hungry for love and desire forgiveness are invited to come to the Lord's table. The altar is always open for prayer.)*

**Service for Word and Table**      *(Communion litany is on page #8 of the hymnal)*

**Communion Interlude**

**Joe Dilley, organ**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Congregation**

God of us all, we thank you that you have called us all to your Table. Fill our hearts with the same loving spirit that drove you to open the way for us to have right relationships with you and with each other. Thank you for these symbols of bread and cup that remind us of how much you gave in love for us all. In Jesus name, AMEN.

\* **Closing Hymn**

**Joe Dilley, organ**

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

*The United Methodist Hymnal #196*

\* **Benediction**

**Rev. Jerome Weaver**

\* **Postlude**      *"Prepare the Royal Highway"*      *By: James Mansfield*

**Joe Dilley, organ**

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**NOTES**

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**Advent Devotional:** 25 day devotional is available in the back of the sanctuary. **Merry Christmas!**

**Charge (church) Conference:** Will be at 1pm on **today** in the Sanctuary.

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

**Church Office:** will be closed if Mt. Healthy Schools are closed.

**Giving Trees:** (inside and out) are ready to receive your donations of hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks. **Thank you for your helping the community!**

**2024 Poinsettia Orders:** Copies of the order form are on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Please make your check payable to: Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church. Write "**Poinsettia-2024**" on the memo line. Please **do not** place your order in the offering plate. Please give the order form, along with payment, directly to Sylvia Lawson, or mail your form and check to Sylvia's address. See order form on tables.

\* The **last day** that Sylvia Lawson can receive orders is Thursday, **Dec. 12.** \*

**Free Pancake Breakfast with Santa! Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 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! Come Hungry!**

**A Messy Church Candlelight Christmas Eve:** is Saturday, December **24<sup>th</sup>**, 4-5 pm.

All Families are invited for family faith, nativity stories, music, and **fun!**

To activate the Prayer Chain, please 1) **TEXT Lenora De Marco** at 513-884-5111, or



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