

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!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jerome Weaver • (513) 615-1592 7612 Perry Street • Cincinnati, Ohio • 45231 • (513) 931-5827 Email: mthealthyumc@fuse.net • Website: mthealthyumc.org www.facebook.com/mthealthyumc Adult Sunday School: 9 AM • Children's Sunday School: 10:10 AM Sunday Worship: 10 AM

## Third Sunday after the Epiphany , January 26, 2025

 Introit (All Sing)
 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" U.M.H. #368
 The Praise Team

 Welcome and Announcements
 Rev. Jerome Weaver

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

See pages 5-6 for more events, details, and ministry opportunities. Prelude Jim Connerly, Piano - Bill Jackson, Bass - John Zappa, Drums

# \* Call to Worship

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

L: Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

# C: We gather to worship, as is our custom.

L: We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

# C: We gather to worship, as is our custom.

L: We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God's love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

# C: We gather to worship, as is our custom.

L: Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

# C: We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God! Amen.

\* Opening Hymn

# The Jazz Trio

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**Greg Spitler**, Liturgist

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

# \* Opening Prayer

The Faith We Sing #2002

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: We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit, and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

# C: Amen.

\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

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)

\* Indicates please stand, if able.

# Rev. Jerome Weaver

## **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 19 (niv) **Greg Spitler, Liturgist** 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. 3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. 4 Yet their voice[b] goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. 5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. 6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. 12 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. 13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. 14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. 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 Faithful God, who calls us to follow and empowers us by your Spirit, we bring these gifts to you in gratitude and hope. May they be used to proclaim good news, set the oppressed free, and bring sight to the blind. Transform our offerings into acts of love and justice that reflect the mission of

Jesus in this world. In his holy name, we pray. Amen. (Luke 4:14-21)

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## \* Invitation to Prayer

"He Who Began a Good Work in You"

### Morning Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer

\* The New Testament Reading 1 Cor. 12:12-27 (niv)

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

- L: The word of God, for the people of God!
- C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"A Sanctified Body"

\* Closing Hymn

"Together We Serve"

- \* Benediction
- \* Postlude

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# 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 1st, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Come Hungry!
Messy Church: is Saturday, February 22nd, 5-7 pm. All Families are invited for free food, stories, crafts, family faith, and fun!
United Women of Faith Meeting: scheduled for February 10th has been cancelled.
VBS Planning Meeting: Feb. 18th, 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Prayer Chain: If you have the time to make a few phone calls, and to pray for your friends who have asked for prayers, this is the ministry for you! Please and leave a message at the church office (513-931-5827) if you are interested.

To activate the Prayer Chain, please <u>TEXT</u> Lenora De Marco at 513-884-5111.



# **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 1st, 2025

