



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*

Third Sunday in Lent, March 23, 2025

Introit (ALL SING) "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" by Maranatha! **The Praise Team**
Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

Flowers on the Altar: In loving memory of my mother, Easter Dilley; by Joe Dilley.

Last Day to order Easter Flowers is March 30th! Order forms in back of Sanctuary.

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** **Greg Spitler, Liturgist**

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

L: Children of God, what has God done for you?

C: God saves, provides, and holds us in God's steadfast love.

L: Consider and remember: in the joyful times and in the sorrowful times,
what has God done for you?

C: God covers us and lifts us up, protecting and empowering us with steadfast love.

L: When you have been like the fig tree in Jesus' story that seems unable to produce
and that everyone has given up on, what has God done for you?

C: God tends the soil and waters the ground, nurturing us into life with steadfast love.

L: Children of God, come, let us worship God who never gives up on us!

C: We come to worship and cling to God, for God's steadfast love never fails!

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

"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"

The United Methodist Hymnal #133

*** 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: We are wounded, worried, betrayed, afraid, and injured. We are physically,
mentally, and emotionally challenged. We chase thrills, happiness, wealth, health, longevity,
him, her, peace; the right job, the right look, anything to lessen our pain. We exhaust even our-
selves with our efforts. We continue, broken—day in and day out, hopelessly applying quick fixes.
The pain will not subside. We are beckoned by an eternal yearning. We remember a prayer that
grandmamma taught us; a lesson learned the hard way, or a word from the Word spoken by a sage.
We long for relief, we seek it, search for it, yearn for it— relief that can't be purchased or bartered.

**C: God we are grateful that your thoughts and your ways are higher than our own. Thank you for
forgiving our sins. Thank you for new mercies each new day. Thank you for always welcoming us
back into fellowship with you. Thank you for providing waters from which we may drink and
never thirst again; 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)

* Indicates please stand, if able.

*** 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

Psalms 63:1-8 (niv)

Greg Spitler, Liturgist

O God, eagerly I seek you

63:1 O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

63:2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

63:3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

63:4 So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

63:5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

63:6 when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night,

63:7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

63:8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

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, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this solemn season of Lent, we remember your call to repentance and renewal.

Help us tend the soil of our hearts so that we may grow in faith and bear witness to your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness.

May we live as your fruitful servants, trusting in your abundant mercy.

In the name of Christ who calls us to new life, we pray. Amen. (Luke 13:1-9)

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 10:1-13 (niv)* **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 They all ate the same spiritual food 4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." 8 We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. 9 We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. 10 And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. 11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

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

C: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon *"With All My Heart, Oh Lord, I Seek You"* **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

*** Closing Hymn** *"O Jesus I Have Promised"* **The Jazz Trio**
The United Methodist Hymnal #396

*** Benediction** **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

*** Postlude** **The Jazz Trio**

** Indicates please stand, if able.*

NOTES

Notes of Gratitude (2)

I praise God for His faithfulness in upholding, renewing, and healing all things in accordance to His will and purposes.

I have been blessed to be married for fifty years to my high school sweetheart and the love of my life! Thank you God!

For the blooming Crocus, singing birds, and V.B.S. with Trinity Lutheran Church.

Praises: The living God of all the Earth shows Himself throughout the whole world; healing, strength, the Word of God, the family of God, new beginnings, dear friends, family, and congregants who care and love.

I am glad to have a new (and old) place to live at Congress Run Apts. - *Laurita Johnson*

I am well, loved by God as his child. Praise God.

Friends healing without complications after surgery.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of life and living in peace with you.

This morning there are more than a dozen people living and working in space – eleven on the International Space Station, and several more on the Chinese Space Station.

Praise the Lord!

I am grateful to have a deer in my yard today! Grateful for nature!

Grateful for good relationships with my loving children.

I am grateful for my friendships in the church.

I am thankful I was able to get out of bed this morning.

I am grateful that God has brought me out of my wilderness, and into his family. - *Gerry*

Thank you for my church family and all the love that is spread within. Praise the Lord indeed!!

Notes of Gratitude (cont.)

I am so thankful for: Jesus as our Savior, for a restful night's sleep, for little buttercups growing in the yard, and for my family.

I am grateful that I received good news from the doctor's office.

Praise God for my hearing and health, and for always carrying me through difficult times; for sending angels to encourage and sustain me in difficult times.

For Life!

Praise God for those Pastors who preach the Word of God, and leave the politics to the politicians.

I am grateful for the beauty of spring that brings new beginnings; tulips, tree blossoms, and birds singing; what a blessing!

I am grateful that I have a wonderful family.

I am grateful for Jesus who loves me and grants me the ability to love anyone; for my two loving and living parents; for having my material needs met.

For sprouts, blooms and blossoms, reminding us of renewal.

For God's love that He continues to shower down upon us.

I am grateful to possibly be close to finding a new job after five years.

I am grateful that every month we have new guests at the pancake breakfasts that our church provides for the community. God is with us as we reach out to new friends with love.

Praise for emotional healing.

I am grateful for my family !!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: In loving memory of my mother, Easter Dilley; by Joe Dilley.

Last Day to order Easter Flowers is March 30th! Order forms are in the back of the Sanctuary.

Zoom Bible Study: with Pastor Weaver is on **Thursdays, from 7:00 :8:15 PM.**

Meeting ID - 829 3727 2744 Pass Code - 600228

U.W.F. Easter Candy order forms: are on the tables in back of Sanctuary. **ORDER DEADLINE TODAY!**

UMCOR SUNDAY OBSERVED MARCH 30: UMCOR Sunday, observed on March 30 seeks to increase awareness and support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Gifts given on this Special Sunday are designated for UMCOR's administrative costs, allowing 100% of donations to UMCOR throughout the year to go toward relief and recovery efforts. **Please designate UMCOR Giving by using an Pew envelope marked "UMCOR."** If giving online, choose **"UMCOR."**

A Messy Church Pancake Breakfast / Easter Egg Hunt: is Saturday, **April 12th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.** **Come Hungry!** (A basket is on the back table for your candy donations) **Thanks!**

Easter Egg Hunt: We're accepting individually wrapped candy donations to fit Easter Eggs. **Thanks!**

Maundy Thursday: We have been invited to a combined worship service at

New Vision U.M.C. at 7pm, 4400 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45229

New Church Directory: If you would like to be included in the new church directory, please update your information on the lists on the tables, **OR** send current info to the church email.

mthealthyumc@fuse.net

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 Call or TEXT Lenora De Marco at 513-884-5111.



Free Pancake Breakfast / Easter Egg Hunt

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

Dine in or Carry-out. Everyone Welcome!

Saturday, April 12th, 2025



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

Saturday ☺ May 24, 2025 ☺ 5-7 PM
Mt. Healthy U.M.C.
7612 Perry Street. ☺ 45231



Everyone of all
ages is welcome!