

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

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

"Because He Lives" UMC Hymnal #364 Introit (All Sing) Welcome and Announcements Flowers for the Altar: In praise of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ! See pages 5-8 for more details and ministry opportunities. Prelude "A Song of Rejoicing" By: Robert Thygerson * Call to Worship (The liturgist (L) makes statements of faith. The congregation (C) reads the words in bold.) L: Beloved, Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- L: Our Savior is risen!
- C: Our Savior is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- L: Steadfast Love is risen!
- C: Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- L: This is the day that God has made;
- C: Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

* Opening Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

* Opening Praver

(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: Lord Jesus, today we come celebrating God, who looked beyond our faults and saw our needs. We come celebrating that victory is ours today. We come rejoicing that sin and evil did not get the last word. We praise you and we thank you for being a loving, patient God and for sending us Jesus Christ!

Thank you for giving sinners like us a second, third, and endless chances to right our wrongs and follow the Author of Grace. Thank you for giving the Good News of your Son's resurrection to the dutiful Mary Magdalene. You called her name, and she finally believed and proclaimed that she had seen the Risen Lord!

Like Mary, time and time again, you have called our name. You have gotten our attention, and we stopped wallowing in despair, sin, and self-reliance. We turned, and there you were! Assuring us that God delivered you from death and God will deliver us also from sin and death.

Today, we put Mary's proclamation in our hearts and on our lips. May our tears turn into laughter as we hold fast to the Easter knowledge that in Christ, all things are possible, if we will only believe.

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.

The Praise Team **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

Joe Dilley, organ **Greg Spitler**, Liturgist

Joe Dilley, Organ The United Methodist Hymnal #302

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* Children's Moments

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(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.)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #191

The Old Testament ReadingPsalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (niv)Greg Spitler, Liturgist

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
- 2 Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

"Jesus Loves Me" (Verse 1)

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my defense ; he has become my salvation.
- 15 Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!
- 16 The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"
- 17 I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.
- 18 The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
- 20 This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.
- 21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
- 23 the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.
 - L: The Word of God for the people of God.
 - C: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Special Music	Chancel Choir Ensemble; Joe Dilley, director		
"Christ Arose"	By: Robert Lowry		
The Worship of God with Tithes and Offeri	Greg Spitler, Liturgist		
The Offertory "There Is A Green Hill Far Away	y″ By: Lucy Ann Warinner	Joe Dilley, organ	
Doxology		Joe Dilley, organ	
"Praise God, from Whom All Ble	ssings Flow" The United Meth	odist Hymnal, #94	
Prayer of Dedication	Congr	regation, led by Liturgist	

Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. In this period of spiritual renewal, may our giving reflect the joy of the empty tomb and the promise of life everlasting. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ's light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. Amen. (Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, John 20:1-18) Invitation to Prayer Joe Dilley, organ

"He Who Began a Good Work in You"

Joe Dilley, organ The Faith We Sing, #2163 * Indicates please stand, if able.

Morning Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer

* The Gospel Reading

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1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" 3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. 11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). 17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:1-18 (niv)

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon	"He's No	t There"	Rev. Jerome Weaver
* Closing H	ymn		Joe Dilley, organ
	"He Lives"		The United Methodist Hymnal #310
* Benediction	on		Rev. Jerome Weaver
* Postlude	"Christ The Lord Is Risen"	By: John Bertalot	Joe Dilley, organ

* Indicates please stand, if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for the Altar: In praise of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ!
Pancake Breakfast: May 3rd, 10:00-12:00. Come Hungry!
V.B.S. Meeting: is set for Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church.
Messy Church: is Saturday, May 24th, 5-7pm. All families are welcome!
All Families are invited for free food, stories, crafts, family faith, and FUN!
To activate the Prayer Chain: please <u>CALL</u> or <u>TEXT</u> Lenora De Marco at 513-884-5111.
2025 Church Directory Data Sheet: We are collecting data for the new church directory.
Please <u>Email</u> the data to the Church @ mthealthyumc@fuse.net
or fill the form on page 7 and place it in the collection plate.



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

Dine in or Carry-out. Everyone Welcome!

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

Flowers Donated for the Easter Altar

In Loving Memory of Donald Greenlee, my father; by Eugene Greenlee. In Loving honor of my wife, Tonette Greenlee, by Eugene Greenlee. In Loving Memory of my husband Ronald Eggers; by Georgiana Eggers. In Loving Memory of Ruth and Fred Van Coney; by Georgiana Eggers, & Lorraine Borch. In Loving Memory of Tom and Lucile Kirby, Diana's dear parents; by Jay and Diana Klenk. In Loving Memory of Robert and Evelyn Klenk, Jay's dear parents; by Jay and Diana Klenk. In Loving Memory of Tommy Kirby Jr. and , Diana's dear brother; by Jay and Diana Klenk. In Loving Memory of Virginia Michael, by Jay and Diana Klenk. In Loving Memory of our parents; by Abraham & Elizabeth Osinbowale. In Honor of Shari and Dan Mayer; Happy Easter! Love Darleen Long. In Loving Memory of Carroll and Rosemary Hutchinson; Abraham and Elizabeth Osenbowale.

In Loving Honor of our children & grandchildren; by Abraham & Elizabeth Osinbowale. In Loving Memory of my husband Bob; by Mary Reep. In Loving Memory of Shirley Payne, my wife; by Bud Payne. In Loving Memory of parents Norman and Berdene Vehr; by Tim and Pam Vehr. In Loving Memory of parents Barb and Harry Brians; by Pam and Tim Vehr. In Loving Honor of my mother June Priest, and brother Jerry Priest; by Jenny Alden. In Loving Memory of Roberta Watson; by Paula and Ron Mason. In Loving Memory of Christopher Jones; by Paula and Ron Mason. In Loving Memory of my Grand-Parents; by Joseph Scheets. In Honor of Lynn Sanner; We appreciate your meaningful and thoughtful lessons; Thank you! Thank you, Lord, for our blessings. Happy Easter! Love Linda Taylor. "Happy Easter to all my church friends"; by Sylvia Lawson.

The Easter Altar arrangement was designed by Linda Taylor, and Sylvia Lawson.

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