



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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 13, 2025

Introit (ALL SING) "The Heart of Worship" by Matt Redman

The Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

Gerard De Marco, Lay Servant

Flowers on the Altar: In Loving Memory of Lucile Kirby, Diana's dear Mother; Jay and Diana Klenk.

See pages 4 for more events, details, and ministry opportunities.

Prelude Jim Connerly, Piano - Bill Jackson, Bass - John Zappa, Drums

The Jazz Trio

*** Call to Worship**

Jeff Vehr, Liturgist

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

L: Children of God, are you listening? Have you noticed? God has planted seeds of hope among us.

C: We have heard of this hope!

L: Are you listening? Have you noticed? God nurtures hope among us,
helping us bear the fruit of faithfulness in this world.

C: We seek this hope as we learn to live in faith.

L: Are you listening? Have you noticed? The hope of God's good news forms you
to love one another with the love of Christ.

C: We cling to this hope as we grow in love of God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

L: Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God who graciously offers us the gift of hope.

C: Come, let us worship God who empowers us to put our hope into faithful and loving actions!

*** Opening Hymn**

The Jazz Trio

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

The United Methodist Hymnal #500

*** Opening Prayer**

Gerard De Marco, Lay Servant

(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: Holy God, we come together to worship, a people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls, with all our might, but there are so many other things in our lives that clamor for our attention that we often relegate you to Sundays and Wednesdays, and times when we want you to rescue us.

Most of us really do want you to be the one in whom we live and move and have our being. We really do want to listen to your voice above all of the other voices in our lives.

But we get bogged down in the daily routine. We forget who we are. We forget who you are.

We forget what the church is supposed to be. So here we are, gathered before you today, with our human foibles and our short attention spans, asking that you would make yourself known to us, that you would help us to recognize the presence of the Holy, that you would continue to challenge us, inspire us, and make us into the people you want us to be. Amen.

C: Amen!

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Gerard De Marco, Lay Servant

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**

Gerard De Marco, Lay Servant

(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 82 (niv)

Jeff Vehr, Liturgist

O God, rule the earth

82:1 God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

82:2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

82:3 Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

82:4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

82:5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

82:6 I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;

82:7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince."

82:8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!

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

Jeff Vehr, 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, in this sacred moment of offering, we recognize your sovereignty and mercy.

As we present our gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our journeys. Guide us to dance with abandon, even amid our doubts and struggles, trusting in your steadfast love and grace. Amen.

Invitation to Prayer

The Jazz Trio

"He Who Began a Good Work in You"

The Faith We Sing, #2163

Morning Prayer

Gerard De Marco, Lay Servant

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*** The Gospel Reading**

Luke 10:25-37(nrsv)

Gerard De Marco, Lay Servant

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.

"Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

** Indicates please stand, if able.*

*** The Gospel Reading** **Luke 10:25-37(nrsv) (cont.)** **Gerard De Marco, Lay Servant**

27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself."

28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into
the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead.

31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road,
and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him,
and when he saw him he was moved with compassion.

34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine.
Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said,
'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man
who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *"Who is Your Neighbor?"*

Gerard De Marco, Lay Speaker

*** Closing Hymn**

The Jazz Trio

"God of Grace, God of Glory"

The United Methodist Hymnal #577

*** Benediction**

Gerard De Marco, Lay Servant

*** Postlude**

The Jazz Trio

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NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: In Loving Memory of Lucile Kirby, Diana's dear Mother; Jay and Diana Klenk.

NEXT WEEK July 20th: Bring Flowers from your garden for our Altar.

Adult Sunday School: will meet in the air-conditioned parlor downstairs for the rest of the summer.

Zoom Bible Study: with Pastor Weaver will **resume** on **July 17th.**

Meeting ID: 829 3727 2744 Passcode: 600228

Messy Church will resume Saturday, **August 23, 5-7 pm**

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

Free Pancake Breakfasts will Resume: Sept. 6th, 2025, 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Enjoy music, children's crafts, and **free Pancakes!**

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful reception with good food and a delicious cake.

Thank you for the generous gift as well and the retirement cards.

I will miss all of you. May God bless all of you. **Joe Dilley.**

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

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, September 6th, 2025



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

Saturday 😊 August 23, 2025 😊 5-7 PM
Mt. Healthy City Park
1541 Hill Ave. 😊 45231



Everyone of all
ages is welcome!