

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!

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 20, 2025

Introit (All Sing) "Still" by Hillsong Worship The Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jerome Weaver

Flowers for the Altar: Thanks to all who brought flowers from their garden.

See page 5 for more details and ministry opportunities

Prelude "Thank You, Lord" (UMH 84) Jesse Cupp, piano

* Call to Worship Gerard De Marco, Liturgist (The liturgist (L) makes statements of faith. The congregation (C) reads the words in bold.)

- L: Children of God, in Jesus, Love became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.
- C: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.
- L: In Jesus, we meet the fullness of God with no barriers to access.
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- L: In Jesus, our separation from God, neighbor, self, and creation has been removed. We are free for divine and loving connection once again.
- C: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.
- L: Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God, whose power makes Love visible to us so that we might reflect Love to the world.
- C: Come, let us worship Christ, Love who came to dwell among us and within us!
- * Opening Hymn Jesse Cupp, piano

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" The United Methodist Hymnal #349

* Opening Prayer

(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: Let us open our hearts and minds to the truth of our lives, and let us offer that truth to God.
 - C: Offer silent prayers of confession.
- P: O Christ, your cross speaks both to us and to our world.

In your dying for us, You accepted the pain and hurt of the whole of creation.

The arms of your cross stretch out across the broken world in reconciliation.

You have made peace with us. Helps us to make peace with you by sharing in your reconciling work. May we recognize your spirit disturbing and challenging us to care for creation, and for the poor who most feel the effects of its abuse.

O Christ, the whole of creation groans. Set us free and make us whole. Amen.

C: Amen.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

Rev. Jerome Weaver

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- 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

Psalm 15 (niv)

Gerard De Marco, Liturgist

Abiding on God's Holy Hll

- 1 O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
- 2 Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;
- 3 who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;
- 4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
- 5 who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Special Music

Jesse Cupp, piano

"God's Gonna Cut You Down" (Traditional American folk song)

The Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Gerard De Marco, Liturgist

The Offertory

"Sitting At the Feet of Jesus" by J. Lincoln Hall

Jesse Cupp, piano

* Doxology

Jesse Cupp, piano

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The United Methodist Hymnal, #95

* Prayer of Dedication

Congregation, led by Liturgist

Holy and Reconciling God, in Christ, you have made the invisible visible, bringing us home with love beyond measure. As we offer these gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives. Use them to build your kingdom, to restore what is broken, and to remind the world of your grace. May our giving be an act of thanksgiving, a sign of the ordinary magic of your love at work among us. In all things, may we live to your glory. Amen. (Colossians 1:15-28)

Invitation to Prayer

"He Who Began a Good Work in You"

Jesse Cupp, piano

Rev. Jerome Weaver

The Faith We Sing, #2163

Morning Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

* Indicates please stand, if able.

* The Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42(niv)

Rev. Jerome Weaver

Choosing the better part

- 38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.
- 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying.
- 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me."
- 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things,
- 42 but few things are needed--indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."
 - L: The word of God, for the people of God!
 - C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon"Choices"Rev. Jerome Weaver* Closing HymnJesse Cupp, piano"Be Thou My Vision"The United Methodist Hymnal, #451* BenedictionRev. Jerome Weaver

* Postlude: "Be Thou My Vision" The United Methodist Hymnal, #451 Jesse Cupp, piano
* Indicates please stand, if able.

<u>NOTES</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for the Altar: Thanks to all who brought flowers from their garden. Don't Forget: to start collecting school supplies for Mt. Healthy Schools! Messy Church will resume: Saturday, August 23, 5-7 pm in City Park.

All Families are invited for free food, stories, crafts, family faith, <u>and fun!</u> Free Pancake Breakfast will Resume: Sept. 6th, 2025, 10:00am - 12:00pm.

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

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>CALL</u> or <u>TEXT</u> Lenora De Marco at 513-884-5111.

Thank you to all my "neighbors;"** your kind words and heartfelt prayers, truly warmed my heart at a time when I needed it most.

I am truly blessed to be surrounded by such loving friends. -- Gerry













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, September 6th, 2025



Prayer of the Month: July 2025 Floods and Fires

As our own continent grapples with multiple natural disasters in several locations this year, we extend our prayers to those families, creatures and lands experiencing devastating loss and sorrow.

There has been significant flooding in **Texas**, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, North Carolina, and along the East Coast of USA.

There have been devastating wildfires in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, North and South Carolina, Utah, Arizona, Oregon, Alaska and Canada.

Grand Canyon National Park has been under siege of fire in July.

In this sad and frightening time, we turn to God.

We pray for comfort.

We pray for healing.

We pray that wisdom and compassion may fill the hearts of those who have the power to respond to these dangers with generosity and effective action.

We pray that we, ourselves, may see where we can be of help at these times, and that we may have the courage to act when we are called.

God, we are aware that your care continues, even when we feel blinded by smoke in our eyes. Thank you.



Be a superhero for children in Mt. Healthy City Schools! Share Jesus' love with them and support their education by donating school supplies.

Here's what's needed:

- #2 pencils
- Beginner pencils
- Rectangular pink erasers
- Pencil erasers
- Colored pencils
- One-subject notebooks-70-page, wide ruled
- Highlighters
- Dry erase markers
- Scissors-student size
- Scissors-blunt tip
- Wide ruled notebook paper
- Washable markers

- Glue sticks
- · Bottled school glue
- Two-pocket folders with prongs
- Pencil pouch
- Pencil box
- Crayons
- Large triangular crayons
- One-inch binder
- 1 1/2 inch binder
- Tab dividers for binder
- Lined index cards
- Blue pens
- Playdough-4 or 5 oz.

Please drop donations in the designated container in the sanctuary. Cash and check donations are welcome. Please designate your monetary donation for school supplies. Make your check payable to Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church. Write "for school supplies" on the envelope and/or memo line of your check and drop it the offering plate. Or anytime, you may drop your gift in the church's mail slot by the outside entrance door, south side (Compton Road side) of the building. Mail drops into a locked box. Or snail mail your gift to Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church; ATTN: Treasurer; 7612 Perry St.; Cincinnati, OH; 45231. You may also drop your donation in the owl bag that is on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church will be collecting supplies from now through August, 2025.

Thank you so much for your support. God bless you!

