



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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 14, 2025

Praise & Worship

"Hosanna" by Hillsong Worship

The Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

Gerard De Marco, Lay Servant

Flowers on the Altar: Open Dates: Sept. 14 & 28, Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 16.

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**

Tim Vehr, Liturgist

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

L: Welcome, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

C: God is our hope and our refuge.

L: What do you seek from God, our Creator?

C: God is our hope and our refuge.

L: Are you ready to follow when God's wisdom leads down unexpected paths?

C: God is our hope and our refuge.

L: Well then, Beloved of God, what are you waiting for?

C: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.

*** Opening Hymn**

The Jazz Trio

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The Faith We Sing, #2129

*** 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: Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace.

Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, even Jesus Christ. 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)*

*** Children's Moments**

Gerard De Marco, Cert. Lay Speaker

(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

** Indicates please stand, if able.*

The Old Testament Reading
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Psalms 14 (nrsv)

Tim Vehr, Litur-

God in the company of the righteous

14:1 Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

14:2 The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

14:3 They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

14:4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?

14:5 There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

14:6 You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

14:7 O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

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

Tim 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

Loving Creator, we dedicate these offerings with hearts guided by your wisdom and grace.

As we gather on this September Sunday, may our gifts embody the teachings of Proverbs, spreading honor, kindness, and justice to all. Use these offerings to uplift those in need, fostering hope and peace in our community. May we live out your wisdom in our actions and generosity. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen. ([Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23](#))

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 15:1-10 (nrsv)

Gerard De Marco, Cert. Lay Speaker

Lost Sheep and Lost Coin

15:1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.

15:2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying,

"This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

15:3 So he told them this parable:

* **The Gospel Reading** *Luke 15:1-10 (nrsv) (cont.)* **Gerard De Marco, Cert. Lay Speaker**

15:4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?

15:5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.

15:6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.'

15:7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

15:8 "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

15:9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'

15:10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *"Finding Joy in the Lost and Found"*

Gerard De Marco, Cert. Lay Speaker

* **Closing Hymn**

The Jazz Trio

"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" (Vs. 1-4)

The United Methodist Hymnal #378

* **Benediction**

Gerard De Marco, Cert. Lay Speaker

* **Postlude**

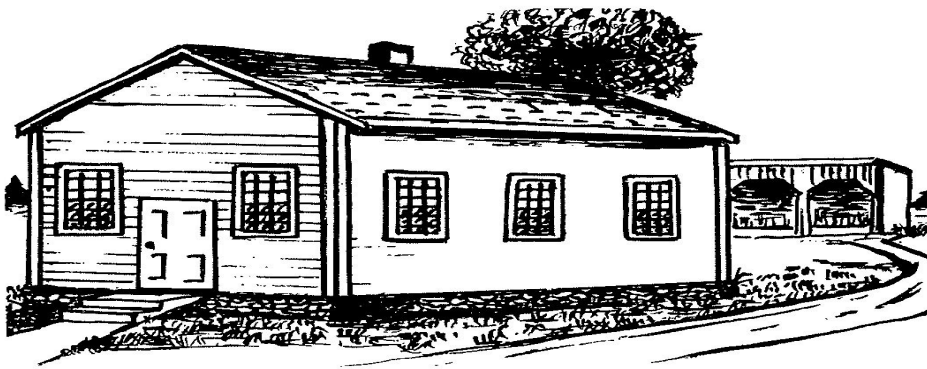
The Jazz Trio

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The Old Church, built in 1850



—A drawing by Otto Steinbrecher

175th Anniversary of the first church building 1850

A modest frame building measuring approximately 33' X 27' was erected on the same lot occupied by the present church. The lot purchased on October 29th, 1850 for the sum of \$200.00. The congregation had great faith, because the building was started before the purchase was finalized. There is some discrepancy as to when the building was dedicated; the original date was set for September 2nd, 1850, although other publications list the dates as October 12 & 13.

Another report written on September 7th states: in Mt. Pleasant, a neat house of God has been built and almost paid for. The members there have shown themselves generous and willing contributors. Other people helped also, and one brother from Cincinnati anonymously gave \$85.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: Open Dates: Sept.14 & 28, Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 16.

The Choir: rehearses on **Wednesdays from 6-7 pm**. Please join us in the choir room.

United Women of Faith: will meet on **Monday, September 15th**, from **10:30am-2:30 pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

Church Council Meeting: **Wed., Sept. 17, 7:00 pm**, parlor.

Messy Church: will resume Saturday, **September 27th, 5-7 pm**. **All Families** are invited for free food, stories, crafts, family faith, and **fun!**

Free Pancake Breakfast: October 4th, 2024, 10:00am - 12:00pm. Enjoy music, children's crafts, and free Pancakes! **Come Hungry!**

Volunteers Needed: to run the PowerPoint for the TV monitors on Sunday's.

See Gerry DeMarco or Tim Vehr, or call the office to volunteer **513-931-5827** and leave a message.

To activate the Prayer Chain, please CALL or TEXT **Lenora De Marco** at **513-884-5111**.

Congratulations to George Abugoch on earning a Masters Degree in Data Science from the University of Cincinnati.

Congratulations to Nicole Abugoch: upon receiving a Mt. Healthy UMC scholarship.



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, October 4th, 2024



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

Saturday ☺ September 27, 2025 ☺ 5-7 PM
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Everyone of all
ages is welcome!