

# 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!

#### Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, November 16th, 2025

Introit (All Sing) "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS #2223 The Praise Team
Welcome and Announcements Gerard De Marco, Lay Servant

Flowers on the Altar: We have one more open date for Altar Flowers; Dec.15.

See pages 5-6 for more details, events, and ministry opportunities.

**Prelude** Sicilian Hymn - Handel

Cheryl Raine, organ

#### \* Call to Worship

Rosemary Andrew, Liturgist

(The liturgist (L) makes statements of faith. The congregation ( $\mathbf{C}$ ) reads the words in bold.)

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ, Women: For the Lord our God is doing a new thing!

Men: The old order is gone,
All: everything is new!

Leader: Illness, disease and crying and mourning,

Women: shall be as a distant memory!

Men: Hatred and war shall cease from the earth,

All: For Christ has risen! Death is defeated! Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Hallelujah! Amen.

\* Opening Hymn Cheryl Raine, organ

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" vs.1-3

The United Methodist Hymnal #133

\* Opening Prayer

**Gerard De Marco, Lay Servant** 

(The pastor (L) leads the prayer. The congregation (C) reads the words in bold.)

L: One day in the New Jerusalem, we shall all walk in peace. There shall be joy, unspeakable joy. No longer shall there be weeping or wailing, nor shall we bury our daughters and sons prematurely In the New Jerusalem. We will not labor in vain. No more shall we plant and not eat of the fruit of our hands; no more shall we build only to have another inhabit our dwelling; no more shall we be oppressed because of class, color, or gender in the New Jerusalem.

Our enemies will be our friends. Rise up children of the Most High God, see what is to come! Hold this promise in your heart; we shall toil and not see the benefits for a while. But one day, God shall come for us and bring us to the new city where we may rest from our present angst and find true communion with the Creator and all creation.

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 Teacher Appreciation Day Jeanine Smith, Sunday School Coordinator (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**

Isaiah 12 (nrsv)

**Rosemary Andrew, Liturgist** 

# The Holy One in Your Midst

- 1 You will say on that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.
- 2 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation."
- 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
- 4 And you will say on that day: "Give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.
- 5 Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.
- 6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."
- L: The Word of God for the people of God.
  - C: Thanks be to God!

## **Responsive Special Music**

The Chancel Choir; Cheryl Raine, Director

"Till the Whole World Knows Jesus" Dan Burgess

#### The Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Rosemary Andrew, Liturgist

The Offertory "We Need Thee Ev'ry Hour" by: Dale Wood

Cheryl Raine, organ

\* Doxology

Cheryl Raine, organ

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The United Methodist Hymnal, #95

**Prayer of Dedication** 

Congregation, led by Liturgist

Restoring God, Maker of new heavens and a new earth, where sorrow is lifted, and joy takes root. As we bring our gifts this day, may they be seeds of your promised future—an offering of hope, justice, and mercy in a weary world. Use what we give and who we are to proclaim a kingdom where none are forgotten, where the wolf and lamb lie down in peace, and where the sound of weeping is no more. Let this act of giving remind us that your dream is still unfolding—and that we are called to help build it. In Christ's name, who is our joy. Amen.

(Isaiah 65:17-25)

#### **Invitation to Prayer**

Cheryl Raine, organ

"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

The Lord's Prayer

\* The Gospel Reading Luke 21:5-19 (nrsv)

**Gerard De Marco, Cert. Lay Speaker** 

Suffering for Jesus' Sake

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  - "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?"
- 8 And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.
- 9 "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."
- 10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;
- 11 there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.
- 12 "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.
- 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify.
- 14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance;
- 15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.
- 16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.
- 17 You will be hated by all because of my name.
- 18 But not a hair of your head will perish.
- 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.
- L: The word of God, for the people of God!

#### C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Fear Not" Gerard De Marco, Cert. Lay Speaker
P.O.T.M. PRAYER OF THE MONTH
\* Closing Hymn Cheryl Raine, organ
"How Firm a Foundation" The United Methodist Hymnal #529

\* Benediction Gerard De Marco, Cert. Lay Speaker

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\* Postlude "Solid Rock" Cheryl Raine, organ

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**Food for thought:** "Do not let fear rule your day. God is your strength, your shield, And your ever- present help. Trust in his promise, not in your circumstances."

NOTES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Flowers for the Altar:** We have one more open date for Altar Flowers; **Dec.15.** 

Order forms are in the back of the Sanctuary.

Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Weaver: No Zoom bible Study on Nov.20, & 27

due to Pastor's vacation and Thanksgiving. We will resume on Dec. 04th, 7:00-8:15pm.

Mt. Healthy Alliance Pantry: needs canned or dry goods for Thanksgiving, and

personal Hygiene products, (soap, shampoo, toilet paper, shaving needs.) We will have a

blessing of these gifts on Sunday 11/23 before we give them to Food Pantry.

**Office Hours:** Office will be **closed** November **27th**, for **Thanksgiving**.

**Messy Church: Saturday, November 22nd, 5-7 pm.** All Families are invited for free food, stories, crafts, family faith, **and fun!** 

Free Pancake Breakfast with Santa! December 6th, 10:00am - 12:00pm. Enjoy music, children's crafts, and free Pancakes! Have a chat with the big guy in the red suit! Come Hungry! Snow Related Closures: will be announced on channel 12, WKRC-TV.

Church Office will be closed if Mt. Healthy Schools are closed.

To activate the Prayer Chain, TEXT or CALL Marilyn Talmage at 615-788-4280.

(remember to add her to your contacts so you never miss a prayer request)

Save the Date! On December 15 <u>Pastor Katie Steele</u> will give an Author Talk about her recent publication, "<u>The Sacred Spark: Exploring the Hidden Gifts of ADHD in Spiritual Leadership</u>" at the Forest Park Library branch, 660 Northland Blvd. The time is still TBD.













# Free Pancake Breakfast with Santa!

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, December 6th, 2025



# It's Autumn and the earth has grown darker. Still, our church family can shine light in the world. Here's an interesting list:

- ★ Come to church, and if you have children, bring them. Share your kindness in person. It's warm in our sanctuary. No one will be checking to see whether your socks match or your hair is styled (halos cover hairdos, btw).
- ★ Participate in our Thanksgiving food and supplies drive for neighbors at the Alliance Food Pantry. Needed: Children and bigger people to carry baskets from back of sanctuary to the altar during service, and to carry these items to transport at close of service. Also, non-perishable food, personal care items, cleaning supplies.
- ★ Come to decorate sanctuary for Advent at 10 AM on Sat, Nov. 29. DONUTS PROVIDED.
- **Bring** hats, gloves, mittens, socks to place on our **Giving Trees** for Mt. Healthy neighbors and school children who are cold.
- ★ Continue to pray for peace, food, and safety in regions where we've been focused this year, especially Gaza/Palestine, Sudan, Haiti, Jamaica, Nigeria, Ukraine and USA.
- ★ Elf Work: Help us respond to a mother who reached out because she can't provide Christmas on her own this year. We have sweet wish lists from 4 children. See table in the back of sanctuary. Please sign up so we know what everyone plans to bring. We don't want to end up with 6 fabulous shark toys and nothing for the 3 girls in the family!

  Gifts and wrapping paper are needed by Dec. 14 so that we can give them to the mother to wrap the gifts. We pray that for God's blessings to comfort this family in need.

No one can do everything that's listed above.

Just think of this as a CARING MENU and join in

where you feel called to serve.

I'm pretty sure that we all can pray, and most of us can make it church,

where coffee is ready.

Love, Lynn, your little mission person Call or text me with questions: 513.807.3973

