

## 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!

#### Reign of Christ Sunday, November 23, 2025

Introit (All Sing) "Open the Eyes of my Heart, Lord" by Michael W. Smith
Welcome and Announcements
Rev. Jerome Weaver

**Flowers on the Altar:** Happy Birthday Grand-Daughter Brook Payne; Love Mama in heaven, and Bud Payne. **See pages 5-6 for more events, details, and ministry opportunities.** 

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

The Jazz Trio

"I Shall Not Be Moved" - Traditional

\* Call to Worship

**Gerard De Marco, Liturgist** 

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

- L: Come once again, and feed your flock like a shepherd.
- C: Come once again, and gather up the children, the oppressed, the sick, the lonely, the humble, and the rejected of the earth.
- L: Turn our hearts to the least of your children, for if we lose them, we become lost.
- C: Reconcile us to you and to those we have hurt.
- L: On this Christ the King Sunday, join us together with neighbors, with strangers, and especially with our own household.
- C: Bring us to your light in our time of darkness, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.
- \* Opening Hymn

The Jazz Trio

"We Gather Together"

The United Methodist Hymnal #131

\* Opening Prayer

**Rev. Jerome Weaver** 

(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: Loving God of power and justice and peace, in our broken world,

we seek a new order where there is courage to speak truth to power.

We seek a new order where there is mutual support in church and community.

We seek a new order where there is abundant time for healing.

We seek a new order where there is peace and freedom for all. Amen.

C: Amen.

#### \* Sharing the Peace of Christ

**Rev. Jerome Weaver** 

- 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 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

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates please stand, if able.

#### The Old Testament Reading

Psalms 46 (niv)

**Gerard De Marco, Liturgist** 

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- 5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
- 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- 8 Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
- 10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
- 11 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
  - L: The Word of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

**Responsive Special Music** 

T.B.A.

The Jazz Trio

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

Gerard De Marco, Liturgist

The Offertory "Just as I Am Without One Plea" - William B. Bradbury

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

Compassionate Shepherd, You do not abandon your flock, even when we wander or divide. You gather us in Christ, our righteousness, and teach us to live in unity, mercy, and peace. As we bring these gifts, may they be signs of our desire to follow your way—offering compassion where there has been hurt, justice where there has been harm, and hope where there has been despair. Strengthen us to live as people waiting not in fear, but in faith—serving the reign of Christ not just with words, but with lives shaped by generosity and love. In the name of the One who gathers and leads us always. Amen. (Jeremiah 23:1-6)

**Blessing of the Pantry Donations** 

**Invitation to Prayer** 

Rev. Jerome Weaver

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The Jazz Trio

"He Who Began a Good Work in You"

The Faith We Sing, #2163

**Morning Prayer** 

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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\* The New Testament Reading Colossians 1:11-20 (niv) Rev. Jerome Weaver 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you [a] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### The Supremacy of the Son of God

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "H

"He Who Holds It All Together"

**Rev. Jerome Weaver** 

\* Closing Hymn

The Jazz Trio

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

The United Methodist Hymnal #694

\* Benediction

**Rev. Jerome Weaver** 

\* **Postlude** "My Sweet Lord" - George Harrison

The Jazz Trio

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# 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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Flowers on the Altar:** Happy Birthday Grand-Daughter Brook Payne; Love Mama in heaven, and Bud Payne.

"SOUP-ER" SALE!!! United Women of Faith have slashed prices on their famous home-made soup!

16oz container = \$6.00, OR 2 for \$10.00. See Sylvia Lawson or Linda Taylor after today's worship.

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

Hanging of the Greens: Saturday, November 29th, 10:00 a.m. Come help decorate our sanctuary for the holidays, with your church family. Trees, lights, ornaments, holiday carols, family, friends, and free donuts and coffee! (and a nice warm feeling inside)

2025 Poinsettia Orders: Order forms are on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Please make your check payable to: Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church, and

Write "Poinsettia-2025" on the memo line. Please do not place your order in the offering plate;

give the order form, along with payment, directly to Sylvia Lawson, or mail your form and

check to Sylvia's address, listed on the order forms on tables. (All orders must be pre-paid.)

\* The last day that Sylvia Lawson can receive orders is Sunday, Dec. 7th. \*

**Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Weaver:** <u>No</u> **Zoom** bible Study on **Nov. 27. (Thanksgiving) Free Pancake Breakfast with Santa! December 6th, 10:00am - 12:00pm.** Enjoy music, children's crafts, and free Pancakes! <u>Come Hungry!</u>

**Snow Related Closures:** will be announced on **channel 12, WKRC-TV.** 

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

Mt. Healthy Alliance Pantry: needs canned or dry goods for Thanksgiving, and personal Hygiene products, (soap, shampoo, toilet paper, shaving needs.)

Save the Date! On December 15, Pastor Katie Steele will give an Author Talk about her recent publication, "The Sacred Spark: Exploring the Hidden Gifts of ADHD in Spiritual Leadership" at the Forest Park Library branch, 660 Northland Blvd at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Katie at college@oumc.org.

To activate the Prayer Chain, please <u>TEXT</u> or <u>CALL</u> Marilyn Talmage at 615-788-4280. Messy Church: "<u>A Messy Christmas Pageant</u>" for the entire family on Christmas Eve! December 24th - 6-7pm. Let us worship together as one big family!

food for Thought:

"God never gives you a dream that matches your budget.

He is not checking your bank account; He is checking your faith."

