



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

Second Sunday after Christmas Day / Epiphany, January 04, 2026

Introit (All Sing)

"Lord, I Need You" by Matt Maher

The Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jerome Weaver

Flowers for the Altar: Order forms for 2026 are on the back table; or see Sylvia Lawson.

See pages 5-6 for more details and ministry opportunities

Prelude

"On Christmas Day All Christians Sing" James Mansfield

Cheryl Raine

*** Call to Worship**

Steve Harness, Liturgist

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

L: We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.

C: God, help us find your glory.

L: We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit,
hints of the good news in the least likely places.

C: God, help us notice your glory.

L: We gather as people yearning for Love's presence, the assurance that we are not alone
and Love will have the last word.

C: God, help us encounter your glory.

L: On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through
neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.

**C: God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together
and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.**

*** Opening Hymn**

"The First Noel"

The United Methodist Hymnal #245

*** Opening Prayer**

Rev. Jerome Weaver

(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: Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope, and salvation. Glory of God,
fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls. Light of God,
shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.
Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.
Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

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 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

*** Indicates please stand, if able.**

The Old Testament Reading *Psalms 147: 12-20 (niv)*

Steve Harness, Liturgist

12 Extol the Lord, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion.
13 He strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you.
14 He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.
15 He sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.
16 He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes.
17 He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast?
18 He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.
19 He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel.
20 He has done this for no other nation; they do not know his laws.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Special Music

Chancel Choir; Cheryl Raine, Director

"One Small Child" By David Meece arr. Sheldon Curry

The Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Steve Harness, Liturgist

The Offertory *"What Child Is This" All sing UMH No. 219 (V. 1-3)*

Cheryl Raine

* Doxology

Cheryl Raine

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The United Methodist Hymnal, #94

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Congregation, led by Liturgist

Radiant God, the light of your wisdom and love shines for all who seek you, guiding us not with force, but with grace. Like the magi, we come bearing gifts, not to earn your favor, but in response to the gift of Christ you've given us. Use these offerings to reflect your light into dark places, so that others might be drawn to your love, your justice, and your joy. Keep us faithful in our seeking, generous in our sharing, and willing to be led wherever your star shines next.

In Jesus' name, Amen. (Matthew 2:1-12)

Invitation to Prayer

Cheryl Raine

"Thy Word Is a Lamp" (V.1)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #601

Morning Prayer

Rev. Jerome Weaver

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

* **The New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 1:2-4 (niv)

Rev. Jerome Weaver

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.
In love

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

C: Thanks be to God!

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Sermon

"Highly Favored"

Rev. Jerome Weaver

Holy Communion

(You do not have to be a member of Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church to partake in Holy Communion. Those who are hungry for love and desire forgiveness are invited to come to the Lord's table. The altar is always open for prayer.)

Service for Word and Table *(Communion litany is on page #8 of the hymnal)*

Communion Interlude *"Meditation on "Of the Father's Love Begotten"* Koury **Cheryl Raine**

Prayer After Communion

Congregation

Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.

* **Closing Hymn** *"Angels From the Realms of Glory"* *The United Methodist Hymnal, #220*

* **Benediction**

Rev. Jerome Weaver

* **Postlude:** *"Three Kings Fantasy"* Gregg Sewell

Cheryl Raine

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NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for the Altar: 2026 Flower Order Forms are on the **tables** in the back of the sanctuary.

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

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

Defibrillator Training: including CPR and First Aid will be **TODAY, Jan. 04th**, at **1:00pm Fellowship Hall**.

Zoom Bible Study: with **Pastor Weaver** is on **hiatus** until Jan. 8th. (7:00 - 8:15 pm)

Meeting ID: 829 3727 2744 Pass Code: 600228

Giving Tree: Please remember our community by providing new winter hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks. Our outside "Giving Tree" will accept donations through the winter months. **Thank you for caring!**

Messy Church: is **Saturday, January 24th, 5-7 pm**. All Families are invited for free food, stories, crafts, family faith, **and fun!**

Pancake Breakfast: is **Saturday, February 7th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**. **Come Hungry!**

Mt. Healthy Alliance Pantry needs **Canned or DRY goods for the holidays**, and personal hygiene products, (soap, shampoo, toilet paper, wash cloths shaving needs.)

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



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, February 7th, 2026



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

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Everyone of all
ages is welcome!