



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

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 15, 2026

Introit (All Sing)

"I Trust In God" by Elevation Worship

The Praise Band

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jerome Weaver

Flowers for the Altar: *In Loving Memory of my sister Marietta Winemiller; Love Darlene Long.*

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

Call to Missions Briefing

Lynn Sanner

Prelude *All Things Bright and Beautiful English Melody, Wilbur Held*

Cheryl Raine

Choral Introit

"Wayfaring Stranger" traditional

Chancel Choir

*** Call to Worship**

Jeff Vehr, Liturgist

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

L: Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

C: We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.

L: The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

C: We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good, and right and true.

L: The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

C: We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.

L: Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

C: Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.

*** Opening Hymn**

"We Are Called"

The Faith We Sing #2172

*** 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: Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory. You come to us in the valleys. We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide.

May our worship of you encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your kingdom in the world. Transform us and keep us near to you. 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!

"This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let It Shine"

(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 23 (niv)

Jeff Vehr, Liturgist

A psalm of David.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
- 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Special Music

Chancel Choir Ensemble; Cheryl Raine director

"He Knows Just What I Need" by Mosie Lister

Soloist, Jesse Cupp

The Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Jeff Vehr, Liturgist

The Offertory

"Theme from Violin Solo" by Edvard Grieg

Cheryl Raine

* *Doxology*

Cheryl Raine

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The United Methodist Hymnal, #95

Prayer of Dedication

Congregation, led by Liturgist

Loving Shepherd,

***you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, journey
alongside us.***

When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence.

When we are fearful, feed us at your table.

May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

Invitation to Prayer

"Into My Heart"

The Faith We Sing #601

Cheryl Raine

Morning Prayer

Rev. Jerome Weaver

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

** Indicates please stand, if able.*

* **The New Testament Reading** *Ephesians 5:8-14 (niv)* **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)

10 and find out what pleases the Lord.

11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.

13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—
and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

14 This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *“Children of Light”* **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

* **Closing Hymn** *“I Want to Walk As a Child in the Light (vs.1&2) United Methodist Hymnal#206*

* **Benediction** **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

* **Postlude** *“The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation” Allitson* **Cheryl Raine**

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Call to Mission /Call for Help at Mt. Healthy UMC

We are asked to bring these needed items to church:

As you know, we need Easter candy for our egg hunt by March 22.

Please bring to basket on back of sanctuary.

By May 17,

We need items to make **Dignity Kits** for disaster victims. Items will be delivered to Annual Conference of UMC for distribution by UMCOR, the General Board of Global Missions of the United Methodist Church. Dignity Kits will be used as needed, both internationally and within the USA. This has been an annual mission project in our church for several years.

We need these items for each kit. Please bring anything from this list that you would like to donate:

- *1 hand towel
 - *1 washcloth
 - *1 comb (sturdy with at least 4-7 inches of teeth)
 - *1 bath-size soap, 3 oz. or larger, in package (not Jergens or Ivory soap)
 - *1 toenail or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or metal nail files)
 - *1 adult toothbrush (new in package and without advertising)
 - *10 adhesive bandages (3/4 X 3 inches)
 - * Additional \$2.00 to cover cost of toothpaste and shipping
- If you wish to make a cash donation, please place in an envelope.

By June 7, and beyond...

We need many, many, many clean plastic grocery bags to be woven into sleeping mats during VBS. We are acquiring a loom so that our children and youth may weave sleeping mats for disaster victims and persons who are unhoused. **Our weaving mission will become a continuing service project for church members and friends even after VBS.**

Thanks, from Lynn Sanner. Mission Questions? Reach Lynn at 513.870.3973.

Mt. Healthy Alliance Pantry: (7717 Harrison Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45231) needs Canned or DRY goods and personal hygiene products, (soap, shampoo, toilet paper, wash cloths shaving needs.) Thanks!



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

**Saturday ☺ April 25, 2026 ☺ 5-7 PM
Mt. Healthy U.M.C.
7612 Perry St. ☺ 45231**

**It's
Free!**

**Everyone of all
ages is welcome!**