



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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 26, 2026

Introit (All Sing) "What a friend we have in Jesus" by Joseph Medlicott Scriven **The Praise Band**
Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

Flowers on the Altar: Happy Birthday (7/24) in heaven to Ruth Rechenbach.

Lovingly; the Bud Payne Family

See pages 5 -6 for more info and ministry opportunities.

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

The Jazz Trio

"Victory is Mine" Norwood-Darling

*** Call to Worship**

Steve Harness, Liturgist

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

L: Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God!

L: God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

C: Thanks be to God!

L: God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

C: Thanks be to God!

L: Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

C: Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision" U.M.H. #451

The Jazz Trio

*** 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: God, Your extravagant love has called us together. Long before we even knew You, You already knew us, and had chosen us to be part of Your own family— sisters and brothers with our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. What amazing love You have shown toward us! And so we come before You with praise and thanksgiving, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives, and opening ourselves to the prompting and leading of Your Holy Spirit. Receive our worship—our praise and prayers and offerings— through the intercession of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. May the time we spend here in Your presence bring honor and glory to Your Name. 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)*

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

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

The Old Testament Reading

Psalms 128 (niv)

Steve Harness, Liturgist

A song of ascents

- 1 Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him.
- 2 You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.
- 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.
- 4 Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the Lord.
- 5 May the Lord bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children—peace be on Israel.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Special Music

"Ezekiel Saw the Wheel" traditional

The Jazz Trio

The Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Steve Harness, Liturgist

The Offertory

"Take My Life and Let it Be" L. J. F. Herold

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

Steadfast God, you search our hearts and know our needs even when we struggle to find the words. In your mercy, you strengthen us in our weakness and bind us together in love that cannot be broken. As we bring these gifts today, may they bear witness to your enduring promise: that nothing—not hardship, nor fear, nor even death itself—can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Bless these offerings, that they may bring hope to the weary, peace to the troubled, and joy to the hearts of your people. Through Christ, our Redeemer and Companion, we pray. Amen. ([Romans 8:26-39](#))

* Invitation to Prayer

"Lead Me Lord" UMH #473

The Jazz Trio

Morning Prayer

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Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

* **The New Testament Reading**

Romans 8:26-39 (niv)

Rev. Jerome Weaver

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. (cont.)

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

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28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

More Than Conquerors

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all— how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Understanding the Power of Divine Purpose"

Rev. Jerome Weaver

*** Closing Hymn**

"I've Got Peace Like a River" T.F.W.S. #2145

The Jazz Trio

*** Benediction**

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* Postlude

"The Preacher" Horace Silver

The Jazz Trio

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NOTES

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



Be a superhero for children in Mt. Healthy City Schools! Share Jesus' love with them and support their education by donating school supplies.

Here's what's needed:

- #2 pencils
- Beginner pencils
- Rectangular pink erasers
- Pencil erasers
- Colored pencils
- One-subject notebooks-70-page, wide ruled
- Highlighters
- Dry erase markers
- Scissors-student size
- Scissors-blunt tip
- Wide ruled notebook paper
- Washable markers
- Glue sticks
- Bottled school glue
- Two-pocket folders with prongs
- Pencil pouch
- Pencil box
- Crayons
- Large triangular crayons
- One-inch binder
- 1 1/2 inch binder
- Tab dividers for binder
- Lined index cards
- Blue pens
- Playdough-4 or 5 oz.

Please drop donations in the designated container in the sanctuary. Cash and check donations are welcome. Please designate your monetary donation for school supplies. Make your check payable to Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church. Write "for school supplies" on the envelope and/or memo line of your check and drop it in the offering plate. Or anytime, you may drop your gift in the church's mail slot by the outside entrance door, south side (Compton Road side) of the building. Mail drops into a locked box. Or snail mail your gift to Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church; ATTN: Treasurer; 7612 Perry St.; Cincinnati, OH; 45231. You may also drop your donation in the owl bag that is on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church
will be collecting supplies in June & July 2026.

Thank you so much for your support. God bless you!