



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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost; September 13, 2026

Acolyte Entrance and Candles "I Just Want to Thank You Lord" by Judy Marshall **The Jazz Trio**
Introit (All Sing) "Heart of Worship" by M. Redman & "Grace Like Rain" by T. Agnew **The Praise Team**
Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

Flowers for the Altar: In loving memory of Tommy Kirby Jr, dear brother of Diana; by Jay & Diana Klenk.

See pages 5-6 for more details and ministry opportunities

*** Call to Worship**

Tim Vehr, Liturgist

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

L: Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.

C: **Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.**

L: The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.

C: **Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.**

L: We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.

C: **Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.**

L: In this place, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.

C: **God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen.**

*** Opening Hymn**

"O How I Love Jesus" UMH #170

The Jazz Trio

*** 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: Liberating God, we worship you. We praise you for delivering your people of old from enslavement in Egypt by opening up a new and unexpected future before them. They experienced your grace and mercy in awesome and life-sustaining ways, which must have been like an impossible dream coming true. Through these acts, you showed your compassion for the weak and powerless of this world. We praise and adore you for opening up a new future for us when your love and compassion, your mercy and grace became enfleshed in Jesus Christ. He delivered us from the bondage of evil and sin through his death on the cross. The impossible once more became reality when love defeated evil once and for all. We pray that this time of worship will be a true offering of our wonder and praise that you should care for us so deeply and so faithfully.

This we pray in Jesus' name. 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)

*** 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

Genesis 50:15-21 (niv)

Tim Vehr, Liturgist

Joseph Reassures His Brothers

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" **16** So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: **17** 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. **18** His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. **19** But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? **20** You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. **21** So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Special Music

"We've Come This Far by Faith" A. A. Goodson

The Jazz Trio

The Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Tim Vehr, Liturgist

The Offertory

"Never Grow Old" by: J. C. Moore

The Jazz Trio

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"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The United Methodist Hymnal, #94

• **Prayer of Dedication**

Congregation, led by Liturgist

Listening God, you hear the cries we whisper and the cries we cannot speak. In a world still marked by fear, abandonment, and unfairness, you remain the one who listens and who hears the voices of the outcast, the wounded, the overlooked. As we bring our offerings today, open our ears as yours are open. Make our giving an act of solidarity with those whose voices rise in need. Use these gifts to reveal your presence, to bring water into desert places, and to remind all your children that they are not alone. Shape us into people who hear because we have been heard. Amen. (Genesis 21:8-21)

Invitation to Prayer

"He Who Began a Good Work in You" The Faith We Sing, #2163

The Jazz Trio

Morning Prayer

Rev. Jerome Weaver

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

*** The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18:21-35 (niv)

Rev. Jerome Weaver

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. 23 "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. 26 "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' 27 The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. 28 "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. 29 "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' 30 "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. 32 "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 35 "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

C: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon

"The Freedom of Forgiveness"

Rev. Jerome Weaver

*** Closing Hymn**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" TFWS #

The Jazz Trio

*** Benediction**

Rev. Jerome Weaver

*** Postlude:**

"The Preacher" Horace Silver

The Jazz Trio

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

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for Altar: In loving memory of **Tommy Kirby Jr**, dear brother of Diana; Jay & Diana Klenk.

Drive-Thru Prayers: with Tim Vehr, Diana Klenk: **Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm.**

Adult Sunday School: will meet in the **Adult Sunday School Classroom! Welcome home!**

Zoom Bible Study: Thursdays @ 7-8:15pm. ID# 82937272744 Pass: 600228

Zoom Staff Meeting: is from **7-8pm** on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month.

Handbell Choir Rehearsals, "Sanctuary Bells" will resume on Thursdays starting September 17th, at 2:00pm in the Adult Sunday School classroom. All are welcome!

Any two, three, four or five people willing to take turns caring for our youngest children during worship on Sunday contact Jeanine Smith; 513-764-5040, or jds718@gmail.com Also, we need K-2 Sunday School teachers for weeks 1 and 5.

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

To Give to Mt. Healthy U.M.C., scan this QR code with your phone: >>>>>>>>>>



Many thanks: to everyone who gathered and delivered clean plastic grocery bags for our project of weaving a sleeping mat for someone who is living in the rough. Our first mat has been completed and is on its way to Midwest Mission to be shared. We have adequate bags in storage to make another mat or two. Therefore, **we ask that no more bags be brought to the church at this time.**

You generous bag collectors are the best! - Lynn Sanner



Free Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt!

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, October 3rd, 2026