



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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost; October 11, 2026

Acolyte Entrance and Candles

"Thank You, Lord" W. Hawkins

The Jazz Trio

Introit (All Sing) *"Gather the People" by: Dan Schutte & "Nothing Without You" by Bebo Norman*

The Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen

Flowers on the Altar: *In celebration of Anniversary of Shari & Danny Mayer; by Darlene Long.*

See pages 5-6 for more details and ministry opportunities

*** Call to Worship**

Jeff Vehr, Liturgist

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

L: Beloved, God's never-ending love spills out all around us,
drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.

C: ***Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!***

L: God's always-present grace surrounds us,
enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.

C: ***Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!***

L: God's persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us
to live as agents of God's mercy and justice wherever we go.

C: ***Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!***

L: May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth
that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.

C: ***Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!***

*** Opening Hymn**

"It's Me O Lord" UMH 352

The Jazz Trio

*** Opening Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen

(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: God, we come into Your presence with praise and thanksgiving for Your faithful love. Your love never fails—not even when we turn away from You: when we ignore Your invitation, or desert You for gods of our own making. Even then, You do not abandon us, but reach out—again and again—inviting us back into relationship once more. As You welcome us, so You welcome our prayers. We bring them to You with confidence, knowing that You will hear and answer. Pour out Your Spirit on us! Fix our hearts and minds on what is true and honorable and right. Give us the joy and peace that comes from knowing and doing Your will. Keep us faithful to the call we have received in Christ Jesus, our Lord, extending Your loving invitation to the world around us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

C: ***Amen.***

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen

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. Dr. Suzanne Allen

(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.**

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

"Stand By Me" C. A. Tindley

The Jazz Trio

The Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Jeff Vehr, Liturgist

The Offertory

"Breathe On Me Breath of God" R. Jackson

The Jazz Trio

* Doxology

The Jazz Trio

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The United Methodist Hymnal, #94

- Prayer of Dedication**

Congregation, led by Liturgist

Steadfast Joy, when "always" feels larger than our capacity, you remain near. In gratitude, we bring these gifts, signs of love learned from you. Quiet our anxious hearts and turn our attention toward what is true, honorable, and worthy of praise. Shape us into a people whose generosity is gentleness made visible, whose offerings declare we are on the side of our neighbors. Receive what we place in your hands and let it become courage, welcome, and hope. Guard us with your peace as we press on in Christ. Amen. (Philippians 4:1-9)

Invitation to Prayer

"Where He Leads Me" UMH #338

Cheryl Raine

Morning Prayer

Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns - Pastoral Prayer - The Lord's Prayer

* **The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 22:1-14 (niv)

Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 4 "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' 5 "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. 13 "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

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

C: Thanks be to God!

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Sermon	<i>"An Interesting Invitation"</i>	Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen
* Closing Hymn	<i>"Amazing Grace" (Vs. 1-3 & 6) UMH 378</i>	The Jazz Trio
* Benediction		Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen
* Postlude:	<i>"I'll Say Yes, Lord, Yes" L. Keesecker</i>	The Jazz Trio
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NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for Altar: In celebration of the Anniversary of Shari & Danny Mayer; by Darlene Long

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 back!

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.

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.

Trunk-or-Treat is being discontinued. Thanks to all who have participated and contributed in the past.

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: >>>>>>>>>



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, November 7th, 2026

**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!**



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

**Saturday ☺ Oct. 24, 2026 ☺ 5-7 PM
Mt. Healthy U.M.C.
7612 Perry Street ☺ 45231**

**It's
Free!**

**Everyone of all
ages is welcome!**