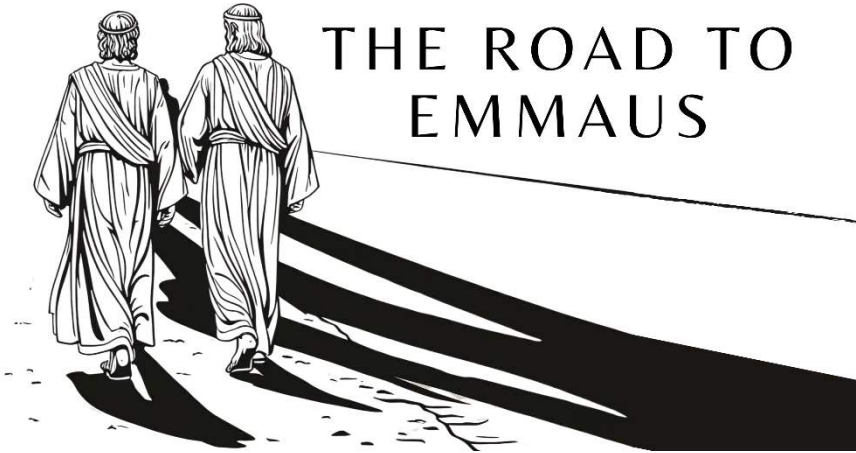


# CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

*United Methodist*

*A Christian Community Committed to Growing Deeper in Faith  
and Pursuing God's Hope for Every Life*



April 27, 2025

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Andy Call, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Cindy Patterson, Administrative Pastor

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY

11:00 a.m.

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## OPENING TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The Rev. Andy Call

\* CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>1</sup>

Carol Jackson

One: Followers of Jesus,  
by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

**Many: Alleluia!**

One: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

**Many: Alleluia!**

One: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

**Many: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #304

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

REGENT SQUARE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Call

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Risen Christ,**

**we are blessed to live in the promise of Resurrection.**

**Your rising means new life for us, as well.**

**But sometimes, our vision is obscured**

**by the busyness of our lives and fullness of our calendars,**

**by the noise and the distractions of the world around us,**

**by grief in a broken world and the pain we experience.**

**Forgive us for failing to recognize you.**

**Open our eyes, LORD.**

**Remind us that you are not hard to find;**

**you are right where you have always been - at our side.**

**Help us to sense your presence.**

**Help us to feel your loving embrace.**

**Help us to walk in your strength.**

**In the hope of Resurrection faith, we pray. Amen.**

*(Silence is kept.)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Many: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:13-16 Ms. Jackson

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE *What We Cannot See* Rev. Call

**OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP**

HYMN OF REFLECTION #309 *On the Day of Resurrection* EMMAUS

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS The Rev. Cindy Patterson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY (#95) & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #318 *Christ Is Alive* TRURO

\* BENEDICTION Rev. Call

\* POSTLUDE

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\* The people may stand in body or spirit.

Don Verkuijlen, Director of Traditional Music & Organist  
Maggie Johns, Organ Scholar

*The flowers on the altar are dedicated in loving memory of Ronald Voorhees,  
a gift of Tom and Joan Voorhees.*



## **NEW THIS WEEK AT COTS**

### **Sunday, April 27**

UWF Flea Market Donation Day, 11:00AM-6:00PM

### **Monday, April 28**

UWF Flea Market Donation Day, 8:00AM-8:00PM

### **Tuesday, April 29**

UWF Flea Market Donation Day, 8:00AM-8:00PM

### **Thursday, May 1**

UWF Flea Market Sale Day, 3:00-7:00PM

Thursday Night Together featuring...

Community Dinner, 5:45 PM

“Image of God” Group Study with Rachel Hoskins, 6:30PM

### **Friday, May 2**

UWF Flea Market Sale Day, 10:00AM-2:00PM

### **Saturday, May 3**

UWF Flea Market Sale Day, 9:30AM-1:00PM

**Please scan the following QR code to visit COTS’ online calendar  
for additional programming information & regularly scheduled events.**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## A Special Welcome for Children and Families

It's so great you're here! Church of the Saviour is a welcoming place for people of all ages and abilities to grow in relationship with God together. We understand that children in particular may have different ways of engaging in worship, and we love their voices and wiggly bodies! We encourage you to participate in a way that feels comfortable for your family. Feel free to bring coffee and snacks into worship if you'd like. We have materials available outside the entrance of the Sanctuary for coloring and quiet work. If your child needs a break, the church library is a wonderful place to relax and regroup. We also offer nursery care between 9:30am and 12:00pm in the preschool area downstairs. We hope you'll relax and enjoy your time here. Your family is welcome just as you are!

## Mother's Day Shower for MamaStrong

This Mother's Day, we're celebrating the strength and resilience of moms through a special partnership with *MamaStrong*, a ministry of New City Cleveland. MamaStrong is dedicated to supporting and strengthening single and at-risk moms through a gospel-centered, holistic approach. These courageous women are rebuilding their lives—some are leaving toxic relationships, one has lost everything in a fire—all while working to create safe, loving homes for their children.



To support them, we're hosting a Mother's Day Shower. The COTS family is invited to scan the accompanying QR code to sign up to donate items specifically requested by the MamaStrong mothers. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the church office by 11AM on Mother's Day, May 11, 2025.

Let's meet these moms where they are and remind them they're seen, supported, and not alone. Your generosity will help affirm their journey and reflect Christ's love in action.

## UWF Spring Flea Market

The United Women in Faith spring flea market is here!  
Donation Days/Times: Sunday, April 27—11:00AM-6:00PM, Monday;  
April 28—8:00AM-8:00PM; Tuesday, April 29—8:00AM-8:00PM. Sale  
Days/Times: Thursday, May 1—3:00-7:00PM; Friday, May 2—  
10:00AM-2:00PM; Saturday, May 3—9:30AM-1:00PM



Scan the accompanying QR code for all the specific details about how to donate and shop. Afterhours donations may be left outside under the pop-up tent by the Great Hall doors. Many volunteers are needed throughout the week; from set-up, to cashiers, to

bakers, and beyond. Please contact Mary Freer at [cotsfleas@gmail.com](mailto:cotsfleas@gmail.com) or 216-242-6144 to sign up. Volunteers receive special shopping privileges!

### **Bishop Hee-Soo Jung to Visit COTS May 11 - Unified Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

On Sunday, May 11, Church of the Saviour will welcome Bishop Hee-Soo Jung as our preacher of the day. Bishop Jung is the residential bishop of the East and West Ohio Annual Conferences, who began his tenure here last September. Born and raised on Ganghwa, an island in South Korea from which North Korea is visible, Bishop Jung has devoted his life to the gospel and speaking for peace, reconciliation, and unity. He has strong ties to movements of peace and justice in Korea, where he spent time as a political prisoner for his advocacy for the rights of workers. As a pastor, he served congregations in Wisconsin, California, Texas, and South Korea. Consecrated as a bishop in 2004, Bishop Jung served in the Northern Illinois and Wisconsin Annual Conferences before coming to Ohio. Among his ambitious goals in Ohio is to touch the altar of every congregation during his tenure. He is a man of profound wisdom and spiritual depth who is, at his heart, a teacher and healer. We are blessed to welcome him to our pulpit. (You can read more about Bishop Jung by scanning the accompanying QR code.)



### **Next COTS Blood Drive**

COTS' next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the Great Hall from 9AM-3PM on Thursday, May 8. Appointments are required. Please scan the accompanying QR code to schedule online using sponsor code "HeightsBloodDrive" or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



### **Created in the Image of God: Exploring Our Identity and Purpose**

What does it mean to be made in the image of God? Genesis 1:26 declares this profound truth about human identity, and from the earliest days of Christianity followers of Christ recognized its vital significance for our human purpose. Being created in God's own image transforms our understanding of ourselves, identifies our relation to God, and clarifies our unique role in creation. In this four-week study, we will dive into this essential concept by looking at the Biblical text, considering insights from early Christian thought, and reflecting on our own experiences and perspectives. Join us in Room 122, Thursdays evenings, May 1-May 22, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. following the TNT dinner, as we explore together what it means to live as bearers of God's image.

Rachel Hoskins is a doctoral student who works in early Christian thought. Her dissertation focuses on Image Theology and the early church. She holds postgraduate degrees in Early Christian Theology from the University of Oxford and in Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary and is a member of COTS.

## **COTS Annual Church Conference**

Our annual Church Conference will take place on Monday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall. At this annual meeting of the church, we will hear a "state of the church" presentation, elect leaders for the upcoming year, and review the budget. This is an in-person meeting but will be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend. All members of Church of the Saviour have voice and vote. Meeting materials for review are forthcoming.

## **Next Weekend is “COTS ♥ Cedar Lee WKND OUT”**

The COTS ♥ Cedar Lee initiative is a fun and easy way for our church family to care for and have a positive impact on our community the first weekend of every month. It is as easy as patronizing your favorite business or restaurant in the Cedar Lee district. However you choose to participate, be kind, leave a tip, and show the community you care! Buttons and business cards are available at COTS welcome desks to help spread awareness.

## **Floral Dedications**

The Church of the Saviour Foundation generously supports our popular Sunday altar flower dedication ministry. Beautiful altar arrangements are available for dedication in honor or in memory of someone special. Arrangements may be purchased for \$60 each, with The Foundation subsidizing the balance. One or both arrangements may be purchased on any given Sunday. To schedule a Sunday, contact Sarah in the church office at [sdick@cotsumc.org](mailto:sdick@cotsumc.org) or 216-321-8880.



**Please register your attendance at today's worship service.**

**Thank you!**

