

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

United Methodist

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



May 11, 2025

10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY

10:30 a.m.

OPENING TO GOD

PRELUDE *Magnificat Secundi toni* Mattias Weckmann

WELCOME The Rev. Andy Call

* CALL TO WORSHIP Corinne Dunn

One: We gather together, seeking a word of hope.

Many: We are weary from struggling to find good news.

One: We gather together, looking for guidance for our lives.

Many: We want to know that what we do matters.

One: We gather together, longing to be known and loved.

Many: We want to belong to something bigger than ourselves.

One: God meets us here:

inviting us to hope, giving us purpose, and welcoming us in love.

**Many: Tired but hopeful, scattered but seeking,
uncertain but willing, we join together in worship.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

CHILDREN'S FOCUS Rev. Call

CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Cindy Patterson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you knew us even before time began.
There is nothing about us that is hidden from you.
And yet, there are times when we feel alone
and we wonder, "Does anyone care?"
We try to be self-sufficient. We try to go it alone.
But it is never enough.
We long to hear your voice, to feel your presence,
to have some assurance that you are there.
Meet us in our doubts
and help us to believe where we have not seen,
so we can embrace the fullness of your love for us.**

(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 FIRST LESSON

Psalm 139:1-6

Ms. Dunn

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The God of Love
Chancel Choir

John Dixon

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43-51

Ms. Dunn

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE

Does God Really Love Me?

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung,
Resident Bishop,

East Ohio and West Ohio Conferences

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

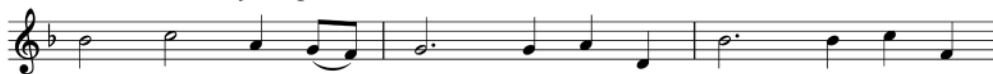
HYMN OF REFLECTION

O Love of God

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1.O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2.O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3.We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4.We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

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

Rev. Patterson

OFFERTORY

- * DOXOLOGY (#95) & PRAYER OF DEDICATION
- * HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #100 *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us* LAUDA ANIMA
- * BENEDICTION Bishop Jung
- * POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugee in D major* Dieterich Buxtehude

* The people may stand.

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

*The flowers on the altar are dedicated in loving memory of Timothy Mark Wagner,
a gift of his mother, Martha Wagner.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Bishop Hee-Soo Jung!

Today we welcome Bishop Hee-Soo Jung as our guest preacher. Bishop Jung is the residential bishop of the East and West Ohio Annual Conferences, who began his tenure here last September. Born and raised in South Korea, Bishop Jung has devoted his life to the gospel and speaking for peace, reconciliation, and unity. He has strong ties to movements for 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. He is a man of profound wisdom and spiritual depth. We are blessed to welcome him to our pulpit.

Post-Worship Reception

Join us in the parlor after today's worship service for a special treat served in honor of Bishop Hee-Soo Jung's visit.

A Word of Welcome to Families with Children

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. We know kids may engage in worship in different ways, and we love their voices and wiggly bodies! We encourage you to participate in whatever way feels right for your family. Coloring materials are available outside the Sanctuary, and the church library is a great spot to visit if your child needs a break. Nursery care is available from 9:30am to 12:00pm downstairs. Your family is welcome here just as you are!

Support for International Students via UPCaM

Dear friends, international students across the country are facing immense challenges in our current political climate—and Cleveland is no exception. At United Protestant Campus Ministries (UPCaM), we are walking alongside students who are at real risk of homelessness this summer. Many have been advised not to leave the U.S. for fear they won't be allowed back in. Now they are scrambling to secure local housing, find summer employment, and cover basic necessities like food and transportation. While Case Western Reserve University is doing what it can, spending freezes and limited staffing mean they've turned to partners like us, and we in turn to you, for help. Here's how you can assist:



1. Make a financial contribution to UPCaM. This organization helps provide support with housing, food, and community support for students in need. Choose to support the International Student Fund or the General Fund (preferred, so we can address the largest scope of need). Scan the accompanying QR code to make a donation online or mail a check made payable to UPCaM to 11459 Mayfield Road, Suite 555, Cleveland, OH 44106.
2. Consider hosting a student. If you have a spare room and a welcoming heart, please contact CWRU UPCaM Campus Minister, Amanda Powell, at 216-202-4779 or amanda@upcam.org to explore offering a homestay this summer. We are especially looking for homestays that are close to Case Western Reserve University.

Thank you for standing with these students—and with us—as we embody radical hospitality in these challenging times. With gratitude, The UPCaM Board of Trustees

Embark: New Member Orientation

Have you considered taking the next step in connecting your faith and the church by becoming a member of Church of the Saviour? Membership is like becoming a stakeholder - making the shift from participating to shaping who we are and what we do together. Embark is a 90-minute session orienting you to some of the details about life at COTS - who we are, what we believe and why, where we focus our energy, and how we grow in God's grace together. The next session will be next Sunday, May 18 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 and will include lunch and childcare upon request. Scan the accompanying QR code to register.



COTS Annual Church Conference

Our annual Church Conference will take place on Tuesday, 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 participant review are forthcoming. If you require childcare in order to attend, please contact the office to make a request today, Sunday, May 11.

Heights Tiger 5K & Fun Run – Next Saturday, May 17

For the first time, COTS is a sponsor of the 4th Annual Tiger 5K & Fun Run and we are putting together a COTS Team! Race day is Saturday, May 17 starting at 9AM. There are roles for people of ALL abilities. The mission of the event is to introduce running and fitness to students, build community, and promote healthy lifestyle choices for families. All proceeds go to the seven CHUH elementary schools to fund things like field trips and after-school enrichment programs benefiting every K-5 student in the district. Our robust participation can help make this possible, while openly demonstrating our support of local kids and families. Let's encourage them to run like it's recess! Scan the QR code for all the details and to join COTS Team of volunteers and racers.



Volunteer Appreciation Night

We have offered our Church Members so many opportunities to volunteer over this past worship season, and the response from you, our church family, has been overwhelming. For that reason, we want to honor you, our amazing body of volunteers, at the second annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. If you have served COTS or a ministry COTS supports in ANY capacity this past year, please join us for a special evening in the Great Hall on Thursday, May 29 from 6:30-8pm. To be clear, this event is for *anyone* and *everyone* involved in local or global ministries, UWF initiatives, and those who serve the many services and programs that happen inside COTS' walls. RSVPs to the church office

by Thursday, May 22 are extremely helpful but not required to attend. Call us at 216-321-8880 to let us know you'll be attending.

Join COTS at CLE Pride!

Come join us downtown on Saturday, June 7 to be a loving presence during Pride in the CLE 2025! Wear any COTS t-shirt (if you have one) or scan the QR code to order a COTS Pride shirt for the event. T-shirts are \$15 each and must be reserved no later than May 18 so we may place a timely, complete order to the printer. They will be available for pick up at the church prior to the event. Specific instructions about where and when to meet and other parade day logistics are forthcoming. If you are planning to attend, consider contacting the church office to RSVP so you can be included in email communications. Thank you for your show of support for our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ.



Flat Rock Homes - Race for the Rock

Flat Rock is our East Ohio Conference home and care center for persons with development disabilities, the only United Methodist agency of its kind in the U.S. Their largest fundraiser of the year is "The 2025 Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock" and it will be on the Flat Rock's main campus on May 17, 2024 beginning at 8:30am. The COTS congregation may support Flat Rock Homes by sponsoring Rev. Daniel Drew as a participant in this year's race. For more information about Flat Rock Homes, the race, or to sponsor his walk you may contact Rev. Drew at hddrew@outlook.com. Cash gifts can be given to Dan, checks should be made out to Flat Rock Homes. Sponsor gifts should be to Dan Drew anytime during the month of May. Thank you for caring about disabled adults and their families!

For a full list of this week's announcements, please scan the following QR code to link to our newsletter, The Chimes.



NEW THIS WEEK AT COTS

Monday, May 12

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 6:30PM

Tuesday, May 13

United Women in Faith General Meeting & Lunch, 10:00AM

Thursday, May 16

Thursday Night Together featuring...

Community Dinner, 5:45 PM

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

Sunday, May 18

Embark New Member Orientation, 12:30PM

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



Please register your attendance at today's worship service.

Thank you!

