

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

United Methodist

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



May 18, 2025

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY

11:00 a.m.

OPENING TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The Rev. Andy Call

* CALL TO WORSHIP ¹

Elizabeth Okwudi

One: We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:

**Many: where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

One: We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:

**Many: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

One: We come, for God reunites us here,
siblings in that family called love:

**Many: where the imprisoned receive justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Call

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ²

**We stock the food pantries,
but brush aside those who hunger for friendship.**

**We give our hand-me-downs away,
but overlook those whose hopes have been stripped away.**

**We glad-hand those just like us,
but turn a deaf ear to our neighbors who are 'not like us.'**

Forgive us, Hope of the ages.

**You persistently search for us in the side streets of the world,
gathering us up and bringing us home,
so we may be drenched in the waters of your bottomless pool of forgiveness,
watched over by your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 25:44-46, Romans 5:18-21

Ms. Okwudi

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

Is Hell Real?

Rev. Call

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION #500

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

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

Rev. Call

OFFERTORY

Contrapunctus I from the Art of the Fugue
Flute Ensemble

J. S. Bach

* DOXOLOGY (#95) & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #479

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Call

* POSTLUDE

* The people may stand.

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

The flowers on the altar are dedicated in honor of Suzanne Teague's 92nd birthday.

NEW THIS WEEK AT COTS

Sunday, May 18

Embark New Member Orientation, 12:30PM

Tuesday, May 20

Love to Sew Ministry, 1:00PM

COTS Annual Church Conference, 7:00PM

Thursday, May 22

American Red Cross Blood Drive, 9:00AM-3:00PM

Thursday Night Together featuring...

Community Dinner, 5:45 PM

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

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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

COTS Annual Church Conference

Our annual Church Conference will take place this 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 live-streamed for those who are unable to attend. All members of Church of the Saviour have voice and vote. Scan the accompanying QR code to read or download the meeting information packet.



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.

Last Chance to Order a COTS Pride T-Shirt!

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 by today, Sunday, 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry to Celebrate 20-Year Anniversary

Next Sunday, May 15, we will celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the COTS Prayer Shawl Ministry started in 2005 by Betty Antolik and Penny Belden. Since then, ministry participants have knitted or crocheted over one thousand prayer shawls, as well as prayer squares, hats, mittens, scarves, and baby hats and blankets, which are in turn gifted to anyone in need of comfort or solace. Occasions for gifting a prayer shawl include surgeries or major illnesses, the loss of a loved one, those moving away, or welcoming a baby. Examples of the Prayer Shawl Ministry's work will be displayed at worship services next Sunday.

The group meets twice a month via Zoom to continue this ministry. New stitchers are always welcome. Contact Connie Crihfield at ccrihfield@sbcglobal.net for more information. If you know of someone who would benefit from being the recipient of a prayer shawl, please contact the church office at 216-321-8880.

ChamberFest Cleveland Comes to COTS

ChamberFest Cleveland will present Reflections on Saturday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A world of contrasting landscapes awaits: Pärt's iconic work sets a meditative tone; Arensky pairs cosmopolitan sophistication with motifs from the Russian Orthodox mass; and Saint-Saëns injects youth, drama, and energetic verve into his quintet. Scan the accompanying QR code to purchase tickets. Save 10\$ when you use promo code COTS at checkout by June 8.



Edna Rhodes Potluck

Please join Edna Rhodes Circle for a Potluck Luncheon on Tuesday May 27 at 12:30pm in the parlor. Musical entertainment to follow in the Sanctuary with our organist, Don Verkuijlen. Please bring a dish to share. Dessert and beverages will be provided. RSVP to Debbie Jones, 330-720-6101 or debij1000@aol.com.

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

