

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

United Methodist

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



January 25, 2026

11:00 a.m., Great Hall

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREAT HALL

11:00 a.m.

OPENING TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The Rev. Andy Call

* CALL TO WORSHIP

David Hildebrandt

One: Come, let us worship the God who surpasses all value.

Many: We lay down our achievements, our pride, and our self-reliance.

One: We count everything as loss compared to the value of knowing Christ.

**Many: We come not with a righteousness of our own,
but with the righteousness that comes through faith.**

One: Let us worship the One who holds us fast.

Many: We rejoice in Christ Jesus and worship with joy.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Cindy Patterson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Wonder,

**if we were to name all the gods we have before you,
we would be here a very long time.**

**We elevate politicians into saviors,
though they are as broken as we are.**

**We misuse your name so much during the day,
we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night.**

**We are so busy,
we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace.**

Forgive us.

**Help us to let go of what we value most,
so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, our lives
to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

(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 LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-9

Mr. Hildebrandt

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

All Things Loss

Rev. Patterson

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION #451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

A TIME OF COMMITMENT

Rev. Call

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Blest Are the Pure in Heart
Chancel Choir

Antony Baldwin

* DOXOLOGY #95 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #189

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Patterson

* POSTLUDE

* The people may stand.

Don Verkuijlen, Director of Traditional Music & Organist; Alisdair Welty, organ scholar

*The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God,
a gift of the Church of the Saviour Foundation.*

Floral Dedications

The Church of the Saviour Foundation generously supports our popular Sunday altar flower dedication ministry. Beautiful altar arrangements for the 11 o'clock service are available for dedication in honor or in memory of someone special. Arrangements may be purchased for \$50 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 or 216-321-8880.



Welcome—We're glad you're here!

At Church of the Saviour, we welcome people of all ages and abilities to grow in faith together. We celebrate children's voices, movement, and energy in worship! Coloring materials are available outside the Sanctuary, and the church library offers a quiet space, if needed. Nursery care is available in Room 100 from 9:30AM–12:00PM.



Children in PreK-4 through 5th Grade are invited to join in our Godly Play and Children's Music programs, between 9:50AM and 12:00PM. Middle and High School groups meet at 11:00AM. Visit the desk outside the Sanctuary for room locations and details. Scan the accompanying QR code for complete information about our Children's and Youth Ministries.

Please register your attendance at today's worship service.

Thank you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sermon Series Preview

In 1920s Harlem, an extraordinary movement was born. Suffering under “Jim Crow” laws, physical abuse, and economic oppression, many Black Americans had begun to relocate to cities across the north in what is known as the Great Migration. Some of the greatest minds and talents converged on Harlem, sparking one of the most significant eras of cultural expression in the nation’s history. Music, painting, sculpture, theater, dance, and especially poetry redefined what it meant to be Black in America, helping reclaim a God-given identity and reshape Black cultural identity. The rich legacy of the Harlem Renaissance lives on, inspiring people of all races to a vision of a more just and equitable society, and an appreciation for the incredible creative spirit that is God’s gift through their genius and their art. *I Dream a World: Poetry of the Harlem Renaissance* – Sundays, February 1, 8, & 15.

Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive & Chili Cook-Off

Please join us in the Great Hall for the annual chili cook-off and big game watch party at 6:00pm on Sunday, February 8 in the Great Hall. Please bring a chili for the competition or a side dish/dessert to share for the meal. The big game will be on the screens. Come for the food, come for the game, come for the fellowship, come for the commercials! After the halftime show, we will announce the cookoff winner and then send folks on their way to enjoy the rest of the game at home. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items or cash donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring program to benefit our local food bank distribution centers. Drop donations off at worship in the morning or at the party in the evening.

Song Circle Invitation

All are invited to COTS first ever song circle event on Thursday, February 12 at 7:30PM in the parlor, hosted by our Director of Modern Music, Morgan Miller Mecaskey. A song circle is a space where simple, easy-to-learn songs are shared and sung together, sometimes with layering harmonies and different parts. You don’t need to be an expert at singing at all. All levels of experience are welcomed and encouraged. Come find your voice in a supportive and loving group setting. The song circle will be led by a couple of folks with guitars, but anyone may bring a song to share.

Locals Missions Highlight: Kairos

The Kairos Prison Ministry is a great opportunity for men and women at Church of the Saviour to play a role in sharing the light of the Gospel in one of the darkest places on earth: prison. Through Kairos, volunteers have an opportunity to share the transforming love of Jesus Christ with incarcerated men and their families via two programs; Kairos

Outside, which is aimed at female family members of incarcerated men, and Kairos Inside, which focuses on incarcerated men themselves. Volunteers for both programs participate in an in-depth process of preparation that is both spiritual and practical, so they grow deeper in faith themselves as they prepare to minister to the participants in the program. Program participants consistently share their deep appreciation for being seen and listened to—a first step on the journey toward realizing God’s hope for their lives.

There are volunteer opportunities for both programs. For more information about Kairos Outside, please contact Becki Gisser at beckigisser@yahoo.com. For Kairos Inside, contact Peter Evangelista at PizonPete@aol.com or David Hildebrandt at dhildebr1961@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT COTS

Tuesday, January 27

Edna Rhodes Circle, 12:30PM

Wednesday, January 28

Morning Prayer Service, 8:00AM
Martha Circle via Zoom, 7:00PM

Saturday, January 31

COTS Youth Basketball Game Day Week 3, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Sunday, February 1

LGBTQIA+ Adults & Active Allies, 12:30PM

Visit cotsumc.org/events for additional programming information
& regularly scheduled events.

