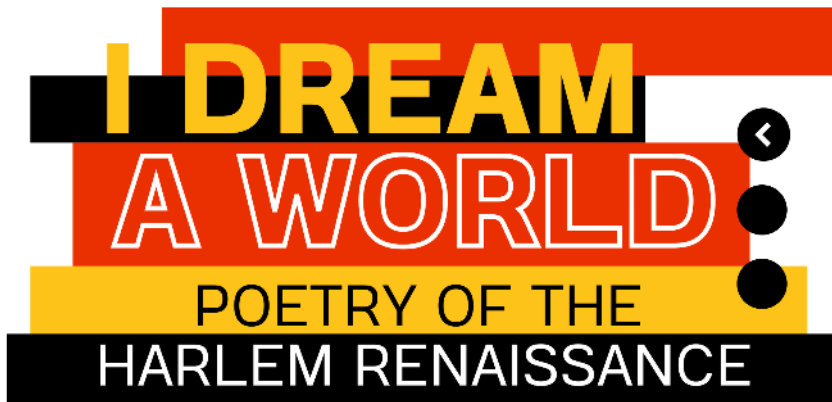


CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

United Methodist

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



February 8, 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

Marty Bergman

One: Over my head, I hear music in the air.

Many: The songs of our forebears still ring.

One: Over my head, I hear trouble in the air.

Many: We remember the struggles and honor the faith.

One: Over my head, I hear singing in the air.

**Many: We stand on the shoulders of those
who would not be silenced in the face of oppression.**

One: Over my head, I hear glory in the air.

Many: There must be a God somewhere.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #519

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Cindy Patterson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ¹

Holy One,

we dare to call you Lord,

but yield to you only fragments of our lives.

You had nowhere to lay your head;

we surround ourselves with comfort.

We expect to serve you with what remains

after we have indulged our desires.

We want assurances from you about what is real,

while we ourselves are careless with the truth.

Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,

our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to your call.

In your abundant mercy,

teach us what it means to follow you with all our being. Amen.

(Silence is kept.)

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

John 18:28-38

Ms. Bergman

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

Truth: Claude McKay

The Rev. Gary R. Henderson

Lord, shall I find it in Thy Holy Church,
Or must I give it up as something dead,
Forever lost, no matter where I search,
Like dinosaurs within their ancient bed?
I found it not in years of Unbelief,
In science stirring life like budding trees,
In Revolution like a dazzling thief-
Oh, shall I find it on my bended knees?

But what is Truth? So Pilate asked Thee, Lord,
So long ago when Thou wert manifest,
As the Eternal and Incarnate Word,
Chosen of God and by Him singly blest:
In this vast world of lies and hate and greed,
Upon my knees, Oh Lord,
for Truth I plead.

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION #164

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

THE CALL

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Call

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

Music of Life
Chancel Choir

B. E. Boykin

* DOXOLOGY #95 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #110

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Henderson

* POSTLUDE

* The people may stand.

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

¹ Feasting on the Word Worship Companion. Year B, Vol. 2. Edited by Kimberly Bracken Long.
Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press (2015), 254, adapted.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Our Guest Preacher, Rev. Gary Henderson

Recognized globally for his courageous leadership and heart for ecumenism, Rev. Gary Henderson is described as a barrier breaker and bridge builder. He has a heart for equipping leaders, teaching, preaching and mentoring others and has shared himself on six continents and in more than one hundred countries. After a four-year stint in corporate America and sensing a call to pastoral ministry, he earned the Master of Divinity degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia in 1986 and a Religious Studies Certificate in 1999 from Oxford University. A member of the East Ohio Conference, Rev. Henderson served Church of the Cross/Community of Living Hope and Euclid-Eastshore UMCs before becoming the Executive Director of Global Health Initiative -UMC Imagine No Malaria Campaign. He played a key role in raising more than \$75 million to support over 300 hospitals and clinics in Africa. Rev. Henderson and his wife of 42 years, Gwen, live in Nashville. His personal mantra in all things is, "God Can Be Trusted."

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.

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 tonight at 6:00pm. 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.

All In God's Image

COTS member, Corinne Dunn, is a diversity learning consultant and trainer who has developed study guides for the East Ohio Conference. One entitled "A Celebration of Black History and Diversity," provides Sunday school lessons to equip individuals with historical knowledge and a theological framework for racial justice. All of Corinne's guides can be downloaded from the UMC East Ohio Conference Multicultural Ministries website.



Love to Sew Ministry

Join us for fellowship and creativity in Calvary Hall as we make essential items for the UMC Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC). We have some supplies to share, but you may wish to bring your own machine, scissors, etc. You don't need to have experience to participate. We welcome anyone that can cut fabric, press fabric, or learn basic sewing. Join us Tuesday, 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. and/or Friday, 2/20 at 10:00 a.m.

Lent Group Study

As Easter approaches, the season of Lent is an opportunity to foster spiritual renewal and deeper relationships with God and each other. *The Last Supper: Conversations That Led to the Cross* group study, with thought-provoking insights delivered in an accessible manner, will do just that. Gatherings will include a 10-minute video and conversation. For those who would like the participant's book (not required for the study), limited copies will be available for \$20 in the church office or can be purchased online. The 6-week study will be held at two separate times on Tuesdays, February 24-March 31: from 12:30 - 1:30 pm, led by Lorrie Goss, or from 7:00 - 8:00 pm, led by Rev. Nate Partee. Scan the QR code for all the details and to sign up.



Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Christian season of Lent. It is a time to explore the fragility of life, the inevitability of death, and our constant need of God's grace. We will hold services on Wednesday, February 18 at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in Myers Chapel, and at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. All services will include the imposition of ashes and a time of confession and renewal.

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.

Shrove Sunday Pancake Dinner

You're invited to a joyful celebration for COTS families on Sunday evening, February 15, from 5-7 pm as we gather for our first (hopefully annual!) Shrove Sunday Pancake Dinner! This will be a fun, intergenerational evening to celebrate together before the quieter season of Lent begins. Expect pancakes and toppings, a festive Mardi Gras atmosphere with masks and beads, pancake races, crafts, and joyful music. We'll

decorate and “bury” an Alleluia banner together and offer take-home Lenten resources for families. Come hungry. Come playful. Come celebrate the change of seasons in the church. All are welcome — bring friends, neighbors and your sense of fun!

Black History Month Display & Reception

Please visit the parlor in February to experience the curated display created by this year’s Black History Month Committee honoring the poets featured in our *I Dream a World* sermon series. All are welcome to attend a special reception, also in the parlor, in recognition of Black History Month on Sunday, February 15 from 10:30-11AM.

February Evensong at First Baptist

In just over a year since inception, Choral Evensong has quickly become a treasured part of the worship life at Church of the Saviour. With structural repairs necessitating temporary closure of the sanctuary, we decided to take the service into the community. With ecumenical support from neighboring churches, Evensong "On the Road" begins on Monday, March 16 at 7 pm at First Baptist Church (3630 Fairmount Blvd). The service will be led, as always, by organist and director of traditional music Don Verkuijlen, the Evensong choir, and COTS clergy - just in a different but inspiring space. Come and experience this timeless tradition in the community surrounded by beautiful music as together we listen, pray, and reflect.

Worship Volunteer Opportunities

Ever thought you might like to be an usher or liturgist at worship? What about a greeter or Communion server? We’re putting out an open call to welcome anyone interested into a conversation about these opportunities to serve. Use the QR code to fill out the short form and a team leader will contact you. This first step is not a commitment—just the start of a conversation.



Please register your attendance at today’s worship service.

Thank you!



THIS WEEK AT COTS

Sunday, February 8

Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive
Chili Cook-Off & Big Game Watch Party, 6:00PM

Monday, February 9

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 6:30PM

Tuesday, February 10

Unitd Women in Faith General Meeting, 10:00AM

Wednesday, February 11

Morning Prayer Service, 8:00AM

Thursday, February 12

Song Circle, 7:30PM

Friday, February 13

COTS Youth Tobaganning at the Chalet, 6:00PM

Saturday, February 14

COTS Youth Basketball Game Day Week 5, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Sunday, February 15

Youth Mission Trip Planning Meeting, 3:30PM
Shrove Sunday Pancake Supper, 5:00PM

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

