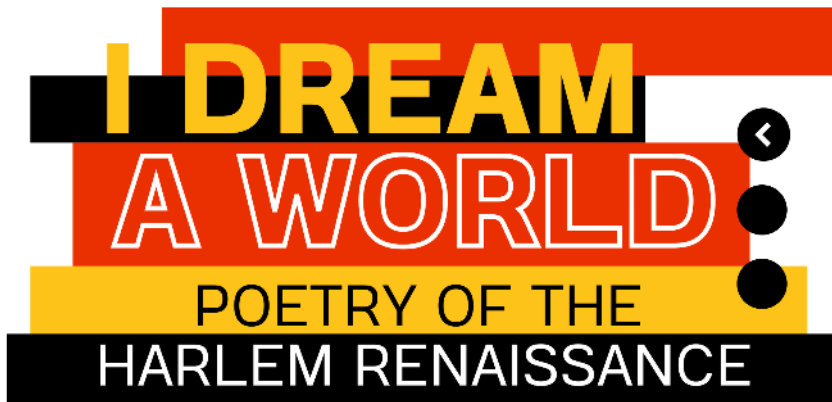


CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

United Methodist

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



February 15, 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 ¹

Joe Walker

One: Though we have known hardship and pain,
though life has not always turned out as we had hoped,
we will stand and say:

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Though life becomes more complex,
the deepest questions remain unanswered,
and the mystery of faith deepens, we will say:

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: And though the pain of the world
often seems more than we can bear or address,
we will stand firm in our faith and say:

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

* HYMN OF PRAISE #73

O Worship the King

LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Call

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ²

Holy God,

trusting you does not always come easy

when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world.

We do not fully believe that love conquers fear.

We are not convinced that power comes through weakness.

We cannot conceive how you could heal us.

Forgive our lack of faith, O God,

and renew our trust in you,

for we would be disciples of Jesus,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Silence is kept.)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Call

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Rivers of Living Water
Chancel Choir

Trevor Weston

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 118:5-9

Mr. Walker

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

Calling Dreams: Georgia Douglas Johnson

Rev. Call

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION #534

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

The Rev. Cindy Patterson

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

Lord of the Dance
Bells of the Saviour

arr. Kevin McChesney

* DOXOLOGY #95 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #533

We Shall Overcome

MARTIN

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Call

* POSTLUDE

* The people may stand.

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

¹ Ann Siddall. Lent to Easter Liturgies: Year C.

² Feasting on the Word Worship Companion. Year B, Vol. 2. Edited by Kimberly Bracken Long. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press (2015), 67, adapted.

*The flowers on the altar are dedicated in honor and memory of
sinners and saints who have passed through these doors, to the Glory of God.*

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.

Shrove Sunday Pancake Dinner

It's tonight! You're invited to our Shrove Sunday Pancake Dinner on Sunday, February 15, from 5–7 pm—a joyful, all-ages celebration as we enter the season of Lent together.

What does “Shrove” mean? Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday was a day to be shiven—to confess, be forgiven, and prepare spiritually for Lent—while also using up rich ingredients like eggs, butter, and sugar before the fasting season began. Pancakes, parties, and a bit of holy silliness grew out of that tradition. While Shrove Day is usually Tuesday, we're celebrating on Sunday so our whole church community can gather.

Our evening will include all-you-can-eat pancakes made by the Men's Breakfast team, Mardi Gras-style crafts with beads and mask-making, a pancake-flipping relay race, and the chance to paint a large banner together. We'll process to “bury” our Alleluia banner, burn the palms from last Palm Sunday, and begin turning our hearts toward Ash

Wednesday and the season ahead. Come hungry, curious, and ready to celebrate the rhythms of the church year together. All are welcome!

Wrapping Up "Growing in Grace"

Thank you to the members of each household who completed a pledge toward our annual "Growing in Grace" campaign. Each of us is invited to consider how we are called by God to grow in faith and generosity. This weekend we are making one last broad invitation to those who haven't yet pledged. We are at 124 pledges and want to make it to 200.

At Church of the Saviour, we encourage all people who participate in the life of the church to deepen their faith through the five essential practices of: worship, grow, serve, give, invite. During our annual stewardship campaign we call special attention to the practice of giving and encourage households to prayerfully make a financial pledge. It isn't about how much is pledged; it's about taking an intentional step of faith. Paper pledge cards are available in the church office. Online pledges can be made at cotsumc.org/give. Will you join us?

Godly Play for Grown-ups

Godly Play isn't just for children. Godly Play for Grown-ups offers a calm, supportive environment for nurturing your own spiritual development and experiencing the kind of spacious, reflective time we offer to children each week.



In each session, we'll experience a full Godly Play gathering together: hearing a sacred story, opening ourselves to wondering, and responding in open-ended ways through art materials, journaling, or quiet reflection. It's a chance to step out of the regular rhythm of the week and into a more peaceful, attentive way of being—with God and with one another.

Join us Thursday evening, February 26, from 6:30–8:00pm in the Parlor, with additional sessions on March 26 and April 23. Come for one evening or plan to attend all three. Childcare is available upon request. Please scan the QR code to register for the first session by February 22. All are welcome!

Sermon Series Preview

It would be great if our lives always advanced along an upward trajectory of progress. But that isn't how life works. All of us go through seasons of uncertainty and challenge, when the direction is unclear and progress feels more like a struggle. During the season of Lent, we will reflect on the stories of God's people as they made their way from captivity in Egypt to the Promised Land. As we trace their



experience, we hope to better understand our own wilderness journeys in faith and in life. *Wilderness Journey*, February 22 – March 22.

As we begin our Lenten journeys, each of us has the opportunity to commit to growing deeper in faith. To help us, church member Lorrie Goss has compiled daily readings for us to read, meditate, and pray on. Each week's readings will be distributed via The Chimes newsletter and the Rooted devotional.

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.

Choral 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 "Beyond Our Walls" begins on Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church (3630 Fairmount Blvd). The service will be led, as always, by organist and director of traditional music Don Verkuijlen, COTS Chamber Choir, and COTS clergy - in a different but equally inspiring space. Join us for this timeless tradition, surrounded by beautiful music, as we gather to listen, pray, and reflect together.

THIS WEEK AT COTS

Sunday, February 15

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

Monday, February 16

Evensong at First Baptist Church, 7:00PM
3630 Fairmount Blvd, Shaker Heights, OH 44118

Tuesday, February 17

American Red Cross Blood Drive, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Love to Sew Ministry, 1:00PM

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday
Imposition of ashes at 8:00AM, 12:00PM, & 7:00PM

Friday, February 20

Love to Sew Ministry, 10:00AM
COTS Jr. Youth Board Game Olympics, 7:00PM

Saturday, February 21

COTS Youth Basketball Game Day Week 6, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

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



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Please register your attendance at today's worship service.

Thank you!

