

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

United Methodist

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



March 1, 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

Carol Jackson

One: When the tides of fear seem to overwhelm us, we cry out....

Many: Lord, come to us and lead us to paths of safety!

One: When we feel lost and alone

and we wonder if anyone cares about us, we cry out....

Many: Lord, come and heal our wounded spirits!

One: When turbulence within and without seem to threaten us, we cry out....

Many: Lord, bring us peace. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Call

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ²

Lord, we confess that we don't always turn to you in our troubles.

Sometimes we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety.

We cannot see "the light at the end of the tunnel."

For us, there is only the ongoing darkness and hopelessness.

Clear our sight, O Lord.

Bind up our wounded spirits!

Fill us with your mercy and love.

Forgive us when we stray; when we fear; when we falter.

Pick us up and place us on pathways of peace and hope,

for we ask this in Jesus's name. 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.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

We welcome you to share signs of reconciliation with one another.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 14:10-14, 19-29

Ms. Jackson

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE

From Known to Unknown

Rev. Call

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION #141

*Children of the
Heavenly Father*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Cindy Patterson

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

O Bread of Life from Heaven
Chancel Choir

David Ashley White

* DOXOLOGY #95 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Patterson

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical Setting A, UMH p. 17

Revs. Call & Patterson

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.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #129

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Call

* POSTLUDE

* The people may stand.

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

¹ & ² Nancy C. Townley. Ministry Matters. Worship Connection: Proper 19A

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

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 at the round tables, 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

Local Missions Update – The Extended Family

The Extended Family, a Greater Cleveland nonprofit serving youth and families, is honored to receive a Church of the Saviour Local Missions Grant. Funds will support the organization's 3-day Cleveland Adventure Camp, where youth from Mt. Pleasant and surrounding neighborhoods gather in Woodmere, Ohio, for a Christ-centered experience of community living, nature, and personal growth. Campers stay in cabins, share meals, unplug from devices, and learn lessons in leadership, respect, and connection—guided by dedicated volunteer chaperones.

One youth participant simply said of the retreat, "I LOVE CAMP!" Alex, a 16-year-old youth chaperone, shared, "I felt like a child. I enjoyed everything... an unforgettable experience." For volunteer opportunities with The Extended Family, please contact Keesha McMillian at (216) 673-3701.

United Women in Faith Mission Workday

Please join the UWF on Tuesday, March 10 from 10AM-2PM in the Great Hall for a fun day of completing various projects that serve others. Outside missions supported through projects taken on this day include UMC Midwest Mission Distribution Center, Kairos Prison Ministry, and Royal Family Kids Camp. Lenten care cards will also be prepared for our homebound members and plastic eggs prepped for COTS' annual community Easter Egg Hunt. Participants are encouraged to bring recycled greeting cards (no Christmas cards, please) for a care project at Breckenridge senior living community.

Bring your own brown bag lunch for a break at noon. Beverages and desserts will be provided. While this event is sponsored by the United Women in Faith, ALL members of the community, both women *and* men alike, are invited and encouraged to participate. Questions may be directed to Kevin Schaner at schanerkevin@gmail.com. (Even if you don't plan to participate at the Mission Workday, you may still donate used cards for the Breckenridge project to the box outside the Great Hall through next Sunday, March 8.)

Join Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir has recently updated their rehearsal schedule. To better support busy schedules, rehearsals have moved to Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The Chancel Choir is a warm, welcoming group of volunteers who enjoy making beautiful music together. While we strive for excellence, we also genuinely enjoy the process. No previous experience or music-reading ability is required—we will support and teach you along the way. Whether you have sung in a choir before or you are considering it for the first time, you are wholeheartedly invited to join us. For more information, please contact Don Verkuijlen at dverkuijlen@cotsumc.org or reach out through the church office.

Lent Devotional

On 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 musings for us to read, meditate, and pray on. Each week's readings will be distributed via The Chimes newsletter and the Rooted devotional. Scan the QR code here to view the latest edition.



New Member Orientation – with Zoom option!

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 Sunday, March 15 at 12:30 p.m. in the parlor or online via Zoom. Lunch and childcare upon request are included for those participating in person. Please scan the accompanying QR code to register.



THIS WEEK AT COTS

Saturday, March 7

COTS Youth Basketball Game Day Week 8, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Sunday, March 8

COTS Youth Basketball Awards Ceremony, 12:30PM

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

