

# CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

*United Methodist*

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



March 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<sup>1</sup>

ShaRon Johnson

One: In the days of Noah, God placed a rainbow in the sky  
as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

**Many: In the colors of the rainbow,  
we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.**

One: In the days of Moses,  
the words of God were written on tablets of stone,  
as the sign of a covenant between God and all of God's people.

**Many: In the tablets of stone, we see the sign of God's hope  
for each to live in peace with God and neighbor.**

One: In the days of the prophet,  
God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.

**Many: As members of the living Body of Christ,  
we see the sign of God's promise among us.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

NEW DIMENSIONS



1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions  
3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self -  
4. We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,  
5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?  
seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,  
old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will light the flame of care?  
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.  
 each a love song to be sung.  
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

God of rain bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,  
 we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er - more.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Call

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**We confess to you, O God, what you already know—  
 we have failed to keep your laws.**

**Again and again,**

**we turn away from your holy and life-giving hope for us  
 and follow our own selfish interests.**

**We twist your decrees and institutions  
 to suit our own desires.**

**In our conduct, we neither honor you nor respect one another.**

**Forgive us for being so selfish, so headstrong, so stubborn.**

**Draw us toward the righteousness that you alone can bring. 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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 19:16-20; 20:1-17

Ms. Johnson

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

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE

*Remember the Covenant*

Rev. Call

# OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION #430

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

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

*A Prayer of St. Richard*  
Chancel Choir

L. J. White

\* DOXOLOGY #95 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #731

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIA

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. Call

\* POSTLUDE

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\* The people may stand.

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

<sup>1</sup> Seekers Church, Lent 2006

<sup>2</sup> Ministry Matters, adapted.

*The flowers on the altar are dedicated in honor of Rolf Bergman's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday,  
A gift of his wife, Marty Bergman.*

# 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.

## Godly Play for Grown-ups

During Lent, our Godly Play children are exploring *The Faces of Easter*, a series of stories that move through the life of Jesus and prepare us to come close to the mystery of Easter. Godly Play for Grown-Ups invites you to experience that journey firsthand. Come join us for a Lenten mini-retreat experience -- and enjoy a taste of the peace, calm, and deep welcome we create for children. We'll listen to the sacred stories and make space for our own creativity and reflection. Many adults find the experience surprisingly grounding and meaningful. It's a beautiful way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter! Whether you work with children, love a child, or are simply curious, join us Thursday, March 26 at 7pm. Please scan the QR code to register by March 22. All are welcome!



## 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 on Saturday, 3/21 at 10 a.m. and/or Tuesday, 3/24 at 1:00 p.m.

## 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.



## **Easter Festival of Flowers**

Help beautify the Great Hall on Easter Sunday by participating in the COTS Festival of Flowers! You may dedicate flowers to a loved one's honor or memory. All honorees' and donors' names will then be listed in our Easter bulletin insert, and the flowers are yours to keep or donate to a local nursing home. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Hunger Fund are also accepted. Scan this QR code or use the enclosed form to place your order by March 29.



## **Cleveland International Film Fest Volunteers Needed**

Thousands of film lovers will visit the Cedar Lee Arts District during the Cleveland International Film Festival at the historic Cedar Lee Theatre next month. This will be a historic homecoming for the festival, which launched from the Cedar-Lee 50 years ago.



Our neighborhood is lucky to have the support and collaboration of an organization comprised of local business owners and close neighbor institutions called the Cedar Lee Special Improvement District. The SID is planning a campaign to welcome film festival visitors flocking from across Northeast Ohio and beyond. This is a huge publicity occasion for our neighborhood, and potentially a big business boom to all our neighbors on Lee Rd. Let's help them benefit from this unique opportunity!

Volunteers are needed to act as street greeters to welcome visitors and help festivalgoers explore everything the Cedar Lee Arts District has to offer. It's a super easy job that can have a BIG impact and allow us to bring our "COTS Loves Cedar-Lee" Ministry to the next level! No special knowledge or experience is needed to participate, and all physical abilities can be accommodated. All you need is enthusiasm and a welcoming smile! Free movie tickets will be gifted to all volunteers to enjoy after the festival. Scan the accompanying QR code to sign up.

## **Summer Camperships**

Camp is great. Here's why: It's a super effective, fun means of spiritual growth, where campers make new friends and strengthen existing relationships, try new things, develop new skills, grow as a leader, and experience positive role models. The East Ohio Conference of the UMC has 3 great camps that run most of the summer. You can read about them at [eocumc.com/camps](http://eocumc.com/camps). Choose from any of them, or join several COTS Kids and Youth who are going to Camp Wanake June 21-26.



Camp scholarships (a.k.a. "Camperships") for 2026 are available! The deadline to request a campership is May 15, 2026. Scan the QR code to apply. Financial support for camperships is generously provided by the Church of the Saviour Foundation.

## **Easter Eggs Stuffers Needed**

Share God's love one egg at a time. Can you help stuff plastic Easter eggs to make our annual community Easter Egg Hunt a wild success? This year the hunt will be at 10AM on Saturday, April 4, and we need about 8,000 eggs filled by then to accommodate all the families that participate. Room 121 (the Old Library) is now egg-stuffing headquarters, complete with supplies and instructions. We already have all the candy, prizes, plastic eggs, and care coins needed for the project, now we just need your volunteer hours! Please come during any of the following times:

- Monday, 3/16 from 12-3pm
- Tuesday, 3/17 from 9am-12pm
- Wednesday, 3/18 from 9am-3pm
- Thursday, 3/19 from 12-3pm
- Friday, 3/20 from 9am-3pm
- Sunday, 3/22 from 12-2pm
- Other times by appointment. Contact the office at 216-321-8880.

Even a few minutes of your time gets us closer to our goal. Thank you for your service!

## **March Evensong at Church of the Covenant**

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, the next Evensong will take place tomorrow, Monday, March 16 at 7 pm at Church of the Covenant (11205 Euclid Avenue). 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.

## **Church Meeting on Immigration**

The ongoing controversy over the Trump administration's immigration policy has become a defining issue in our country. ICE enforcement surges in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Minneapolis have generated reactions nationwide, including in the Cleveland area. Relentless policy changes and arrests have even touched members of the Church of the Saviour community.

The COTS Immigration Task Group is hosting a church-wide meeting on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. We will be giving updates on the status of the refugees COTS has sponsored. We have invited representatives from AMIS and Cleveland Heights for Immigrant Rights to discuss the work that they do and how we,

as church members, can help. We will also provide an opportunity for COTS members to develop additional ways to help our refugee and immigrant neighbors.

## **THIS WEEK AT COTS**

### **Sunday, March 15**

Sr. Youth Impossible Treasure Hunt, 7:00PM

### **Monday, March 16**

Choral Evensong at Church of the Covenant, 7:00PM

### **Tuesday, March 17**

American Red Cross Blood Drive, 10:00AM-4:00PM

### **Saturday, March 21**

Love to Sew Ministry, 10:00AM

### **Sunday, March 22**

United Women in Faith Sunday

Visit [cotsumc.org/events](http://cotsumc.org/events) for additional programming information  
& regularly scheduled events.



**Please register your attendance at today's worship service.**

**Thank you!**

