

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

United Methodist

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



✿ United Women in Faith Sunday ✿

March 22, 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

Canon in D
Flute Quartet

arr. Bill Holcombe

WELCOME

The Rev. Andy Call

* CALL TO WORSHIP ¹

Sarah Dick

One: We gather here to remember God's glorious deeds—
recorded for all time by people
whose lives were touched by divine grace.
As people of hope, they affirmed the great works of God,
and the importance of keeping the commandments of God.

**Many: We are heirs of their faithfulness,
witnesses to the greatness of God's wondrous acts.**

One: Let our witness be as convincing,
so that generations to come
will continue to honor God's holy name.

Many: Let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #116

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Cindy Patterson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ²

**Gracious and merciful God,
we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places
where we are confronted with our true selves.**

**The places where we are tempted to put worldly values
before our desire for you,
and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater
than our hunger for seeking and doing your will:**

**When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us
to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others;
When we are tempted to use sensationalism to increase people's faith,
rather than being guided by the humility of Christ;
When we are tempted to use leverage and influence to control people;
When we are tempted to manipulate you, O God, to satisfy our own needs;**

**Forgive us, O God,
and guide us on our wilderness journey to more fully trust in you. 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

Hebrews 12:1-3

Ms. Dick

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

Because Methodists Make History

Dr. Ashley Boggan

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

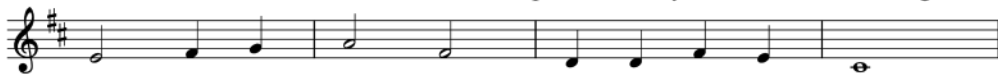
HYMN OF REFLECTION

God of All Time

PERFECT LOVE



1. God of all time, all sea - sons of our liv - ing,
2. Here in this place, where oth - ers have been build - ing,
3. Spir - it who draws our frag - ile selves to - geth - er,
4. Let us not die from pov - er - ty of car - ing,



source of our spark, pro - tec - tor of our flame,
we come to claim the leg - a - cy of faith,
spir - it who turns a strang - er to a friend,
let us not starve, where love is to be shared.



blaz - ing be - fore our birth, be - yond our dy - ing,
take in our turn the tell - ing of your stor - y,
be at this ta - ble where we greet each oth - er,
Come, break us op - en to re - ceive your heal - ing:



God of all time, we come to sing your name.
and, though we trem - ble, speak your hope, your truth.
be in the peace we pass from hand to hand.
your bro - ken bo - dy be our wine and bread.

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

Shirley Moore

OFFERTORY

Like as the Hart
Chancel Choir

Noel Rawsthorne

* DOXOLOGY #95 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #549

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ST. PETER

* BENEDICTION

Dr. Boggan

* POSTLUDE

* The people may stand.

Don Verkuijlen, Director of Traditional Music & Organist

Alisdair Welty, organ scholar

Ushers: Arleen Twist, Toni Burrell, Benita Rollins, Marty Bergman

¹ & ² Moira Laidlaw (liturgiesonline.com.au), adapted

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in recognition of
the United Women in Faith's commitment to missions,
a gift of the Church of the Saviour United Women in Faith.*

United Women in Faith Sunday

Today is United Women in Faith Sunday. UWF is a deep-rooted organization, driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children, and youth, they act for justice and transform communities through a dedication to mission work.

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!



Welcoming Our Guest Preacher, Dr. Ashley Boggan

Dr. Ashley Boggan is the General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History. In this role, she ensures that The UMC understands its past in order to envision a more equitable future for all Methodists. Boggan earned her PhD from Drew Theological School's Graduate Division of Religion, specializing in both Methodist/Wesleyan Studies and Women's/Gender Studies. She earned an M.A. from the University of Chicago's Divinity School, specializing in American Religious History. She has previously worked as staff at the General Commission on Archives and History (2012-2014) and the Connectional Table of The United Methodist Church (2014-2016). She was the Director of United Methodist Studies and Assistant Professor Christian History at Hood Theological Seminary (Salisbury, NC), an AME Zion Seminary, from 2017-2019 and was the Director of Women's and Gender Studies and Assistant Professor of Religion at High Point University (High Point, NC) from 2019-2020. Boggan is a lay member of the

Greater New Jersey Annual Conference and the daughter of two ordained United Methodist ministers. Her Methodist lineage dates beyond this, back to the early 19th century when her great-great-great grandfathers were Methodist circuit-riders. Boggan is on the Advisory Board for the National Museum of American Religion.

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 from April 10-18. 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. 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.



THIS WEEK AT COTS

Tuesday, March 24

Love to Sew Ministry, 1:00PM

Wednesday, March 25

Martha Circle & Edna Rhodes Agape Meal, 12:00PM

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

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



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 29

Communion Service with Palms — 8:30 am, Myers Chapel

* † Modern Worship with Palms — 9:30 am, Great Hall

* † Traditional Worship with Palms — 11:00 am, Great Hall

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Communion Service — 12:00 pm, Myers Chapel

* † Soup Supper & Worship with Holy Communion — 6:00 pm, Great Hall

Good Friday, April 3

* † Tenebrae Service — 7:00 pm, Great Hall

Holy Saturday, April 4

* Easter Vigil — 9:00 pm, Great Hall

Easter Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Service — 6:30 am, Front Lawn

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion — 8:30 am, Myers Chapel

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Please note there will be no Children's or Youth
Sunday School programming on Easter Sunday.

** Livestream available*

† Childcare available

Please register your attendance at today's worship service.

Thank you!

