

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

United Methodist

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



March 29, 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

Matthew 21:1-11

Geri Williams

* HYMN OF PRAISE #280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Call

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ¹

**With eager hearts and open hands, we welcome Jesus...
until he refuses to wield the power we expect,
choosing instead to become a servant.**

**We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground before him
and put it back on the shelf.**

We are unable...or unwilling...to go with him.

Hosanna! Save us, O God!

Forgive our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness.

**Instill in us the courage to stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
who comes in your name, in your glory,
in your grace to save us. 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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Hosanna to the Son of David
Chancel Choir

Herbert Sumsion

HEARING GOD'S WORD

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 26:36-46

Ms. Williams

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

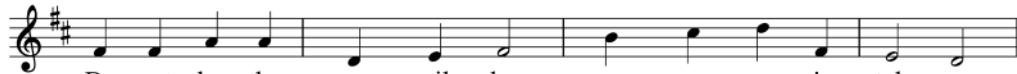
HYMN OF REFLECTION

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

STRAF MICH NICHT



1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray, from your sleep a - wak - en!
 2. Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares, lest a - sleep he find you;
 3. Watch! Let not the wick - ed world with its lies de - feat you
 4. Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, lest with grace you tri - fle;
 5. But while wat - ching al - so pray to the Lord un - cea - sing.



Be not by the e - vil day un - a - wares o'er tak - en.
 for in - deed no pains he spares to dec - eive and blind you.
 lest with bold dec - ep - tions hurled it be - tray and cheat you.
 let not self thy thoughts con - trol nor God's mer - cy sti - fle.
 God pro - tects you day by day, strength and faith in - creas - ing.



For the foe, well we know, is a har - vest reap - ing
 Sat - an's prey oft are they who se - cure are sleep - ing
 Watch and see, lest there be faith - less friends to charm you,
 Pride and sin lurk with - in, all your hopes to shat - ter;
 So that still mind and will shall u - nite to serve him



while the saints are sleep - ing
 and no watch are keep - ing
 who but seek to harm you.
 heed not when they flat - ter.
 and for - ev - er love him.

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

Rev. Call

OFFERTORY

The Passion Chorale
Bells of the Saviour

Brenda Austin

* DOXOLOGY #95 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #299

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Call

* POSTLUDE

* The people may stand.

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

¹ Thom M. Shuman. Lectionary Liturgies (adapted).



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 church office for room locations and details. Scan the accompanying QR code for complete information about our Children's and Youth Ministries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sermon Series Preview

Easter is the most important holiday in the Christian tradition. When we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, we also celebrate the promise of Resurrection for all of us. The reason we worship on Sundays is because tradition holds that was the day Jesus rose from the dead. Yet, given how important Resurrection is for our faith, we spend relatively little time talking about it. In this series, beginning with Resurrection Sunday, we will explore what the New Testament tells us about death and resurrection, and how being more aware of the end of life can make us more intentional about how we live now. *Speaking of Resurrection*: Sundays, April 5-26.

Easter Egg Hunt – Volunteers, We Need You!

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors! Held outside if at all possible, this HUGE egg hunt will take place on Saturday, April 4 starting promptly at 10 a.m. All kiddos from birth through Grade 5 are invited to participate. Just like last year, some eggs will have "Care Coins" in them, which children will use to show support of three missions. Refreshments included! We can't wait to see you there!

We need about 12 more volunteers to make this event as amazing as possible! The volunteer roles are all inside and can be done seated. The time commitment is from 10-11:30AM. No special skills are required beyond a smile and a willingness to welcome families from our community into our church. Please email Meg Marshall (mmarshall@cotsumc.org) or call the church office (216-321-8880) to sign up. Thank you!

Do Justice: A COTS Learning Series

This four-session series starting in mid-April and lead by Keisha Krumm, Greater Cleveland Congregations' (GCC) Executive Director, invites our congregation into a deep, grounded conversation about what it means to do justice—not just give to charity—in Cuyahoga County today. Drawing on scripture, community organizing principles, and the lived work of GCC each session moves participants from reflection to action. The series includes readings, interactive learning, and concrete opportunities to get involved. Scan the QR code for specific session dates, descriptions, and more information about GCC's mission. The room location for the series is yet to be determined and will be updated in future announcements.



Congratulations UWF Special Recognition Pin Recipient, Joan Angle

On March 23, a United Women in Faith Special Recognition Pin was awarded to Joan Angle, a woman who embodies UWF's purpose of Faith, Action, and Sisterhood. She

and her husband were married at Church of the Saviour in 1980, and her family has faithfully served through worship and volunteer roles across many ministries. Her actions reflect her deep faith.

Joan has shared her artistic gifts through liturgical dance and Arts of the Cathedral, and she serves on the UWIF Board. She contributes to committees including Ways and Means, the Flea Market, and social action efforts, and participates in circle groups and the COTS Dementia Team. Congratulations and thank you, Joan!

Kairos Prayer Partners Needed

COTS will again be represented when the Kairos Inside Team conducts its 44th weekend event at Trumbull Correctional Institution on April 23 – 26. Our team of volunteers and the prison residents alike need your prayers! Please sign up for one or more 30-minute time slots on our prayer vigil, which will be shared with the inmates over the course of the weekend a testament of God's love working for them through you. Please scan the accompanying QR code to participate.



Spring Men's Breakfast

The next quarterly men's breakfast is on Saturday, April 11 at 7:30 AM in Calvary Hall. Join us for a delicious homemade breakfast and great fellowship. RSVPs are appreciated but not required. Bring a friend! Contact Steve Merriam (stevemerriam@roadrunner.com) or Pete Krouse (pkrouse@cleveland.com) with questions or to volunteer to help out.

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. Today, Sunday March 29 is the last day to order.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 2

“Maundy” comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, “new commandment.” We journey with Jesus and the disciples to the Upper Room where Jesus washed the disciples’ feet and instituted what became the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

12:00 pm, Myers Chapel: A brief service of Word and Holy Communion, focused on the biblical accounts of Jesus’s final meal with his disciples.

6:00 pm, Great Hall: We gather at tables to share a meal as families and friends, reflecting on the table where Jesus ate with the disciples. This 90-minute worship experience is constructed around the Great Thanksgiving prayer, incorporating the shared meal as we break bread together and receive the cup of salvation. A simple meal of soup is provided.

Good Friday, April 3

The day we remember Christ’s Passion and Crucifixion. It is a solemn day of remembrance and prayer.

12:00 pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Church (2747 Fairmount Blvd.): This annual Ecumenical Community worship service reflects on the Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross, incorporating clergy leaders from across the community. The service begins at noon and concludes at 3:00 p.m., but worshipers may enter and leave between the “words” as needed.

7:00 pm, Great Hall: The evening service at Church of the Saviour is a Tenebrae worship service (“shadows”). This dramatic worship experience is a hearing of the story of Jesus’s Passion from the Gospel of Matthew as darkness descends.

Holy Saturday, April 4

9:00 pm, Myers Chapel: Easter Vigil is the ancient First Service of the Resurrection, when we remember the salvation story through scripture and song. The service concludes with Holy Communion, the light of Christ restored, and the joyous pronouncement of Alleluia! Christ is Risen! This 90-minute worship experience begins with a sacred fire on the front lawn, proceeding immediately into the chapel.

Easter Sunday, April 5

We celebrate the Resurrection on Easter morning beginning at 6:30 a.m. with Sunrise worship on the lawn. We greet the sunrise progressing around the world as we proclaim “Alleluia! Christ is risen!” Coffee and donuts are served.

The celebration continues in morning worship at 8:30 in Myers Chapel, Modern Worship at 9:30 in the Great Hall, and Traditional Worship at 11:00 in the Great Hall. Life springs forth in floral, musical, and proclamation glory. Coffee hour will be hosted in the Parlor from 10:30-11:00, as usual. There will be no Children's or Youth Sunday School programming.

Please register your attendance at today's worship service.

Thank you!

