

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

United Methodist

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



April 5, 2026

11:00 a.m., Great Hall

Rev. Andy Call, Lead Pastor
Rev. Cindy Patterson, Administrative Pastor

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREAT HALL

11:00 a.m.

OPENING TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The Rev. Andy Call

* CALL TO WORSHIP ¹

Corinne Dunn

One: Where shattered hearts are made whole,
where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death:

Many: the stone has been rolled away.

One: Where the lonely become our friends,
where a stranger is welcomed home,
where hope is stronger than despair,

Many: we find Jesus walking.

One: Where indifference is transformed into compassion,
where the anxious find peace,
where love is stronger than hate:

Many: Jesus is opening our eyes.

One: The stone has been rolled away.
Jesus is with us on the journey.
Our eyes are opened to new possibilities.

Many: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

* HYMN OF PRAISE #302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Call

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ²

Loving God,

**we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection;
we are caught in the worries of the world.**

**We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life;
we remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.**

Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News.

**Forgive us when we find it more comfortable
to worry and complain about what we lack
than to celebrate and embrace the joy and hope of new life in Christ.**

**Make us Easter people today, O God.
Reveal to us the power of Resurrection.
And send us into the world as witnesses
to the saving power of the Risen Christ. 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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Easter Song of Praise
Chancel Choir

Richard Shephard

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

Ms. Dunn

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE

He Is Not Here

Rev. Call

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION #318

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Cindy Patterson

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Now the Green Blade Riseth
Chancel Choir

arr. Simon Lindley

* DOXOLOGY #95 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

Those who wish to sing the Hallelujah Chorus with the choir after the Benediction may make their way up to the choir area during the closing hymn. Sheet music is available.

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* GELOBT SEI GOTT



1. Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing!
2. The Lord of life is risen to - day!
3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry
4. Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord,
5. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



Now is the tri - umph of our King!
Sing songs of praise a - long his way;
that love, that life which can - not die,
and sing to - day with one ac - cord
to God the Spi - rit, al - ways One,



To all the world glad news we bring:
let all the earth re - joice and say:
and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
the life laid down, the life re - stored:
we sing for life in us be - gun:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Call

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel

* POSTLUDE

* The people may stand.

Don Verkuijlen, Director of Traditional Music & Organist

Alisdair Welty, organ scholar

Ushers: Greg York, Toni Burrell, & Jared Carter

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

² Mindi Welton-Mitchell, Rev-o-lution (adapted).



Welcome—We're glad you're here!

At Church of the Saviour, we're all about helping you to discover your own path to faith. We don't think there is one right way to pursue God's hope for us. We are simply a community of people, doing our best to live by Jesus' teaching to love one another, and continually striving to be a force for good in our neighborhood and the world.

If you've been hurt or disappointed by the church, we want to show you there's a different way to be a person of faith—A way that is joyous, accepting, affirming, and welcoming to all. Our Easter worship is all the more meaningful for your presence. Thank you for being with us.

A special note for parents...we celebrate children's voices, movement, and energy in worship! But if you feel that your child needs a quiet moment, the church library located just opposite the Great Hall lobby is an excellent space to visit.



Let's stay connected!

Interested in knowing more about all the things happening here at Church of the Saviour? Scan this QR code to receive our weekly e-newsletter, The Chimes.

Easter Monday

Please note that the church building, including the office, will be closed tomorrow Monday, April 6. Any messages left for staff will be returned on Tuesday. Thank you!

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRIES

We're excited for the opportunity to welcome your children and youth into growing, learning, and belonging at Church of the Saviour. We offer programming for children and youth every Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., plus lots of engaging family-friendly outings and events all year round. Join us!

Birth – Age 3

Our beautiful new nursery space, designed especially for infants through 3-year-olds, is located in Room 100. The nursery is a safe, nurturing place where our youngest children can feel loved, connected, and supported on Sunday mornings while parents worship, build community, or take a much-needed breather.

PreK4 – Grade 5

School-age children are invited to join in our Godly Play church school and worship music enrichment programs.

Focused on honoring the centrality, competency, and capacity of children, Godly Play is an imaginative approach to supporting their spirituality and that of the adults who nurture them. Through story, wonder, and play, Godly Play practice invites creative responses to God's call in our lives. This Montessori-based program nurtures children's innate curiosity and fosters creative and thoughtful spiritual growth.

Church of the Saviour's Children's music program is a warm and welcoming community for young singers. Children of ALL experience levels are welcome to come develop joyful, confident voices. Music instruction is given to all Sunday morning participants but singing in worship is not required of any child that would rather not do so.

Grades 6 – 12

Middle school & high school groups meet at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays for conversation and activities about real topics pertaining to real life. A huge part of Church of the Saviour's Youth Ministry experience is acting together in service to God and others. We do things like build wheelchair ramps, visit nursing homes, and work to end hunger for our neighbors, *and* have a good time doing it together. We also do things just for fun! There are lots of opportunities throughout the year for both middle-school and high-school groups to gather for outings like night hikes, whirlyball competitions, hide-and-seek in the dark in our huge, gothic church, and so much more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UWF Spring Flea Market

The United Women in Faith are hosting their biannual flea market in the Great Hall Thursday-Saturday, April 30-May 2. Donations will be accepted on Sunday 4/26 from 12:30pm-6:00pm, Monday 4/27 from 8:00am-8:00pm, and Tuesday 4/28 from 8:00am-8:00pm. Scan the accompanying QR code for all the details about donating and shopping. Many volunteers are needed throughout the week; from set-up, to cashiers, to bakers, and beyond. Please contact Mary Freer at cotsflea@gmail.com or 216-242-6144 to sign up. Volunteers receive special shopping privileges!



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 Pete Krouse (pkrouse@cleveland.com) or Steve Merriam (stevemerriam@roadrunner.com) or with questions or to volunteer to help out.

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.



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.



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! A gift will be provided to all volunteers, courtesy of the Cedar Lee SID and Cedar Lee Theatre. Scan the accompanying QR code to sign up.

**Thank you so much for joining us in worship this Easter Sunday!
Whether you're a regular attendee or just visiting, we want to know you!**

Please consider taking a moment to register your attendance by scanning this QR code or completing a form from an attendance pad near your seat.



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