

# CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

*United Methodist*

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



April 26, 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.

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## OPENING TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The Rev. Andy Call

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Joan Voorhees

One: This is the day that the LORD has made.

**Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead  
will give life to our mortal bodies also.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

One: Come, let us worship.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #315

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

ST. KEVIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Call

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living God,**

**we gather on this day and in this season**

**to proclaim and to celebrate the Resurrection.**

**But sometimes Resurrection Faith is difficult to understand.**

**We trust in your promises,**

**but we live in between the now and the not-yet.**

**Help us to know how to hold faith in the midst of doubt.**

**Help us to trust in what we cannot fully comprehend.**

**Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. 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.**

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

*Today, we are pleased to welcome Vivian Harris, Otfried Niedermaier, and Helen Sheehan into full membership at Church of the Saviour.*

**We rejoice in the faith God has planted in you,  
and we welcome you in Christian love.  
As members together with you in the Body of Christ  
and in Church of the Saviour,  
We renew our promise to live as Christian disciples:  
to worship, grow, serve, give, and invite  
for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON                      1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-55, 57                      Ms. Voorhees

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE    *Spiritual and Physical*    Rev. Call

## **OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP**

HYMN OF REFLECTION #700    *Abide with Me*    EVENTIDE

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 & OFFERINGS    Rev. Call

OFFERTORY    *Brother James's Air*    arr. Mack Wilberg

\* DOXOLOGY (#95) & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #326                      *The Head That Once Was Crowned*                      ST. MAGNUS

\* BENEDICTION    Rev. Call

\* POSTLUDE

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\* The people may stand.

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

*The flowers on the altar are dedicated in loving memory of Mrs. Liddie Ross Jackson,  
a gift of her sister, Dr. Carrie Ross Shelton.*

## 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 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.

### **Local Missions Update: Chat Pals**

Social connection is one of the fundamental factors affecting health and wellbeing. Time and time again studies reveal how a lack of social interaction and loneliness can increase health risks for society, especially older adults. Chat Pals is a telephone or video-based (Facetime or Zoom) program designed to be a support system, which hopes to provide emotional support and companionship to people in our community.

Chat Pals is a great program for individuals 55+ who want to stay connected to the community and for a volunteer 18+ to give back to the community virtually. Participant, Sue, says, "I like how each of us enjoy talking about our interests- from baking recipes to family events. I asked my pal if she is enjoying our weekly calls and she told me that it really gives her something to look forward to, and it's nice to have someone to share things with that isn't biased and wants to listen. We always like to end our calls with a laugh."

Chat Pals, a program of Greater Cleveland Volunteers, is a recent recipient of a Church of the Saviour Local Missions Grant, furnished by your Christmas offering. If you, a family member, or friend would like to be a volunteer or a participant please contact Kirsten Riley (kriley@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org) or call 216-391-9500 ext. 2124 for more information.

## Sermon Series Preview

In 1910, Theodore Roosevelt delivered a speech commonly known by the title “The Man in the Arena.” “It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena...who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly.” In many ways, daring greatly is what we are called to do as people of faith, as human beings in this world that God created. To dare greatly is to risk vulnerability. We dare to show up and let ourselves be seen. Inspired by a book by Brené Brown, we’ll consider how daring greatly can lead to greater flourishing and the life God wants for us. *Daring Greatly*: May 3-31.

## UMC Special Sunday

Today we celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday. This Special Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration designed to raise awareness and remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. We affirm the sacredness of indigenous people, their languages, cultures, and gifts to the church and the world.



COTS member, Corinne Dunn, is a diversity learning consultant and trainer who has developed study guides for the East Ohio Conference pertaining to Native American Ministries. *All in God’s Image: A Study in the History of Indigenous Peoples* provides Sunday school lessons to equip individuals with relevant historical knowledge and a theological framework. Scan the accompanying QR code to view the guide.

## Heights Tiger 5K & Fun Run

Saturday, May 16, 8:45 am—COTS is again sponsoring the 5th Annual Tiger 5K & Fun Run and we want you on the COTS Team as a volunteer or participant! There are roles for people of ALL abilities. The mission of the event is to introduce running and fitness to students, build community, and promote healthy lifestyle choices for families.



All proceeds go to the seven CHUH elementary schools benefiting every K-5 student in the district through special programming, projects, field trips, and afterschool enrichment programs such as Chess, Stem, Run Club, Baseball, Drama, Lake Erie Ink, Dance, Tumbling, Soccer, Yoga, Basketball and so much more. Our robust participation can help make this possible, while openly demonstrating our support of local kids and families. Let’s encourage them to run like it’s recess! Scan the QR code for all the details and to join the COTS Team of volunteers & racers.

## **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

We have offered our Church Members so many opportunities to volunteer over this past worship season, and the response from you, our church family, has been overwhelming. For that reason, we want to honor you, our amazing body of volunteers, at the third annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. If you have served COTS or a ministry COTS supports in ANY capacity this past year, please join us for a special evening in the Great Hall on Wednesday, May 6 from 6:30-8pm. To be clear, this event is for *anyone* and *everyone* involved in local or global ministries, UWF initiatives, and those who give their time to the many services and programs that happen inside COTS' walls. RSVPs to the church office are helpful but not required: 216-321-8880.

## **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 starting today, Sunday 4/26 from 12:30pm-6:00pm, tomorrow, 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](mailto:cotsflea@gmail.com) or 216-242-6144 to sign up. Volunteers receive special shopping privileges!



## **Join COTS at CLE Pride**

Come join us downtown on Saturday, June 6 to be a loving presence during Pride in the CLE 2026! Wear any COTS or Pride t-shirt (if you have one) or scan the QR code to order a new COTS Pride shirt for the event. T-shirts are \$20 each and must be reserved no later than Monday, May 11 so we may place a timely, complete order to the printer. They will be available for pick up at the church after May 31. Specific instructions about where and when to meet and other parade day logistics are forthcoming. If you are planning to attend, consider contacting the church office to RSVP so you can be included in future email communications. Thank you for your show of support for our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ.



## **COTS Annual Church Conference**

Our annual Church Conference will take place on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall. At this annual meeting of the church, we will hear a "state of the church" presentation, elect leaders for the upcoming year, and review the budget. This is an in-person meeting but will be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend. All members of Church of the Saviour have voice and vote. Meeting materials for participants' review are forthcoming. If you require childcare in order to attend, please contact the office to make a request no later than this Sunday, May 10.

## **MamaStrong Baby Shower**

This Mother's Day, we're honoring the courage and perseverance of moms by partnering with MamaStrong, a ministry of New City Cleveland. MamaStrong walks alongside single and at-risk mothers, offering support and encouragement through a gospel-centered, whole-person approach. These incredible women are working hard to rebuild their lives and create stable, nurturing environments for their children.



To come alongside them, Church of the Saviour is hosting a Mother's Day Shower. We invite the COTS family to donate specific items requested directly by the MamaStrong moms. Scan the QR code to view the wish list and sign up for a gift. Please drop off unwrapped gifts at the church office by Thursday, May 7 at 10 am. Together let's show these mothers they are valued, supported, and not alone. Your generosity is a meaningful way to uplift their journey and share Christ's love in a tangible way.

## **Do Justice: A COTS Learning Series**

May 4 & 11 from 6:30-8:30PM in the Great Hall—This four-session series starting in mid-April and led 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 descriptions and more information about GCC's mission.



## **Servants on Call**

Do you enjoy serving others? Lending a hand? Being present for someone? We're a lively church with lots of capacity to help and a call to serve! As such, we receive requests to help people within the congregation as well as the wider community. Recent examples include helping with a weekday, lunchtime party at Roxboro Middle School, sorting items at GoodsBank NEO, and removing the speakers from the sanctuary pew backs. The possibilities are as varied as the needs!



So, in order to keep our would-be good-doers in the loop, we're starting a new text group called "Servants on Call." It's for people willing to be asked to serve others from time to time. When you get the text with the details, you can either sign up as instructed or ignore it. Scan the accompanying QR code to join the group.

# **THIS WEEK AT COTS**

## **Sunday, April 26**

UWF Spring Flea Market Donation Day, 12:30–6:00PM  
Progressive Dinner Sr. Youth Event, 6:00PM

## **Monday, April 27**

UWF Spring Flea Market Donation Day, 8:00AM–8:00PM

## **Tuesday, April 28**

UWF Spring Flea Market Donation Day, 8:00AM–8:00PM  
Edna Rhodes Circle, 12:30PM

## **Thursday, April 30**

UWF Spring Flea Market Sale Day, 3:00-7:00PM

## **Friday, May 1**

UWF Spring Flea Market Sale Day, 10:00AM-1:00PM

## **Saturday, May 2**

UWF Spring Flea Market Sale Day 9:30AM-1:00PM

## **Sunday, May 3**

LGBTQIA+ Adults & Active Allies Group via ZOOM, 12:30PM

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!**

