

# CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

*United Methodist*

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



May 10, 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 <sup>1</sup>

David Hildebrandt

One: Like a gentle rain,

**Many: God refreshes our lives.**

One: Like the springtime song of birds,

**Many: God's grace cheers our souls.**

One: Like the delicate beauty of flowers in early bloom,

**Many: God's creation delights our eyes.**

One: Springtime announces itself and proclaims God's ever-renewing creation.

**Many: We join our lives and our voices to offer our praise.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #92

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Call

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,**

**You call us to be present to you and to one another,**

**yet we hide behind fortresses of indifference or self-interest.**

**You call us to have compassion and empathy,**

**yet we think we have to be hard and impassive to get ahead in life.**

**You call us to give ourselves for others,**

**yet we use what power we have selfishly or aggressively,**

**ignoring the indwelling, Christ-given power that frees us to be vulnerable.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Soften our hearts.**

**Free us to live into your hope for us, we pray. 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.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Mr. Hildebrandt

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

*Do I Really Have to Be Vulnerable?*

Rev. Call

## OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

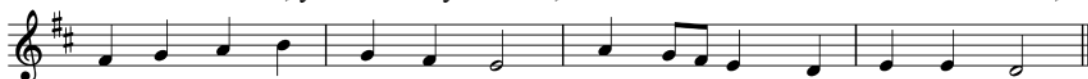
HYMN OF REFLECTION

*In the Quiet of this Day*

CANTERBURY



1. In the qui - et of this day, in the safe - ty of this place,  
2. Take the tang - le of my thought, take the ten - sion from my frame,  
3. I am tired and out of tune: it is you who gives new song.  
4. What I am, you tru - ly know, more than lov - er more than friend,



Ho - ly Pres - ence, hear me pray, soothe my spir - it with your peace.  
free with - in me what is fraught, still the waves I can - not tame.  
I am fear - ful and a - lone: bring me home where I be - long.  
you the light to whom I grow, you my mean - ing and my end.

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

Today, we are pleased to welcome Steve Wizmar into full membership at Church of the Saviour.

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

*Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep*

Phillip Ledger

\* DOXOLOGY (#95) & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #578      *God of Love and God of Power*

UNSER HERRSCHER

\* 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> Larry Peacock. Sourcebook of Worship Resources. Vol. 2. Canton: Communication Resources (1996), adapted.

*The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God,  
A gift of the Church of the Saviour Foundation.*

## 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.

### **Pentecost Unified Worship & Celebration**

There will be a single, unified worship service in the Great Hall on Pentecost Sunday, May 24 at 10:30AM, immediately followed by a festive lunch and celebration on the front lawn (starting around noon). Pentecost marks the day the Holy Spirit came to the disciples, empowering them to speak and serve across languages and cultures. It's the

birthday of the Church, and a reminder that God's Spirit unites us and sends us into the world.

We will celebrate together as a whole church family with international flavors from Lee Road neighborhood restaurants, honoring the holiday's multilingual, global spirit. Activities for all ages will echo Pentecost's elements: air (bubbles and wind-inspired play), fire (bright art and craft projects), and plenty of intergenerational fun. Get ready for a joyful, church-wide celebration of the Spirit that empowers and sustains us!

### **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 CHUH schools benefiting every K-12 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.

### **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.

### **UWF General Meeting**

All are welcome to join the United Women Faith General Meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 10:00 A.M. in the parlor with speaker Bob Dunn presenting an update on immigration. Bring a brown bag lunch to continue the conversation and fellowship after

the program. Beverages and desserts will be provided. The “Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Offering” will be collected.

### **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 who can cut fabric, press fabric, or learn basic sewing. Join us on Saturday, May 16 at 10AM and/or Tuesday, May 19 at 1PM.

### **The Holy Spirit - A Study for Pentecost**

God works through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is in you. Now what? As Pentecost approaches, explore what scripture teaches us as we seek to understand and experience the Holy Spirit's presence and power in our daily walk with Christ. Join co-leaders Janice McPhee and Lorrie Goss in this 5-week study based on *The Holy Spirit* by Adam Hamilton. Wednesdays, 1-2pm, May 13-June 10 in the church Parlor. Books can be purchased in the church office for \$19 or on your own. Scan the accompanying QR code or contact the church office to sign up.



### **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 today, Sunday, May 10.

### **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.



# THIS WEEK AT COTS

## Sunday, May 10

Make Some Music!, COTS Youth Event, 4:15PM  
Hike & Hot Dogs at Henry Church Rock, Sr. Youth Event, 5:30PM

## Monday, May 11

Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group, 6:30PM  
Greater Cleveland Congregations “Do Justice” Learning Series, 6:30PM

## Tuesday, May 12

United Women in Faith General Meeting, 10:00AM

## Saturday, May 16

Heights Tiger 5K at CHUH High – Intergenerational Event, 9:00AM

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



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

**Thank you!**

