

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

United Methodist

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



May 17, 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 ¹

Sarah Dick

One: God of peace, you bless us with your unfailing and unconditional love:

**Many: We come to worship and praise our loving God,
and rejoice in God's tender mercy towards us.**

One: Generous God, you pour blessings and grace upon us,
forgiving our sin and shame:

**Many: We come to worship and honor our merciful God,
and rejoice in the wonder of forgiven and forgotten sin.**

One: Holy God, in the beauty of your shalom,
and in the glory of your presence, all barriers are lowered:

**Many: We come to worship and revere our glorious God,
who speaks peace into the hearts of all people. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Call

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ²

O God,

**penetrate those murky corners where we hide memories
and tendencies on which we do not care to look,
but which we will not yield freely to you.**

Purify and redeem them:

**the persistent buried grudge,
the half-acknowledged resentment still smoldering,
the bitterness of loss,
the private comfort we cling to,
the secret fear of failure which saps our initiative,
and the pessimism which robs us of your joy.**

Lord, we bring all these to you,

longing for your grace and your steadfast light. 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 GOSPEL LESSON Luke 8:43-48 Ms. Dick

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE *Defense Against the Dark Arts* Rev. Call

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION #479 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* ABERYSTWYTH

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

OFFERTORY *Hear My Prayer* Felix Mendelssohn

* DOXOLOGY (#95) & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #129 *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* FESTAL SONG

* BENEDICTION Rev. Call

* POSTLUDE

* The people may stand.

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

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² Evelyn Underhill (adapted).

*The flowers on the altar are dedicated in loving memory of William C. Coughlan,
a gift of his wife, June Coughlan.*

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.

Virtual Laity Gathering Offers Fellowship & Learning

United Methodist Laity across Ohio are invited to "*Hats of Purpose*," on Tuesday, June 9, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM via Zoom. This virtual event is a time of fellowship, learning, collaboration, and support for laity serving in key roles in churches across the East and West Ohio Conferences.



Being called by God to serve your church and community can be rewarding, yet the laity can encounter distinct challenges living out that call. If you serve on any committee or in any ministry, "*Hats of Purpose*" is for you. The goal is to leave the event feeling supported, inspired, and energized to continue in your ministry service. Registration is free. Scan the QR code to register by June 5.

Please register your attendance at today's worship service.

Thank you!

