CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

United Methodist

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

September 6, 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 Corinne Dunn

One: We come, seeking a holy encounter with the eternal God,
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Many: Meet us here, O God.

One: We come, seeking to find what is real
in the midst of a world of falsehood and deception.

Many: Meet us here, O God.

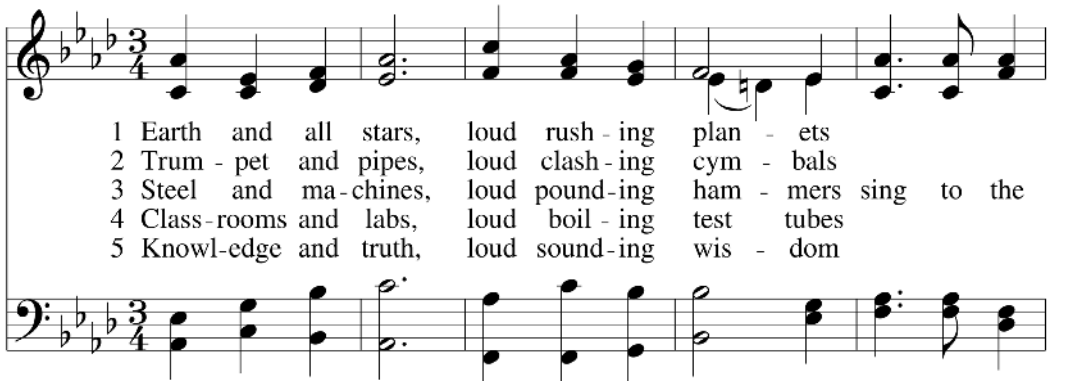
One: We come, seeking the timeless in an ever-changing reality.

Many: Meet us here, O God.

One: Holy God, be with us now,
meeting us in our longing and receiving all that we offer to you.

Many: Meet us here, O God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Earth and All Stars* EARTH AND ALL STARS



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CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Call

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are a clever people.
We probe the depths of the ocean and the far reaches of space.
We travel effortlessly around the globe,
finding ways to make the world smaller.
We share information openly and widely
across languages and cultures.

But with our cleverness comes arrogance.

We act as though because we *can* do things, we *should* do them.
We march forward with technological advancements
without carefully considering the ethics of our technology.
We forget that information that can be widely shared
includes misinformation and harmful material.
We fail to protect ourselves and the most vulnerable
from what our advancements can do.

Forgive us, O God.
Awaken us to a deeper sense of responsibility.
Teach us to put our trust not in ourselves or our own cleverness,
but in the timeless wisdom that only you can give.

(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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Ms. Dunn

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE *Ready or Not* Rev. Call

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION #451 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Rev. Cindy Patterson

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Call

* DOXOLOGY #95 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Mark Miller Musical Setting* Revs. Call & Patterson

One: The LORD be with you.

Many: And also with you.

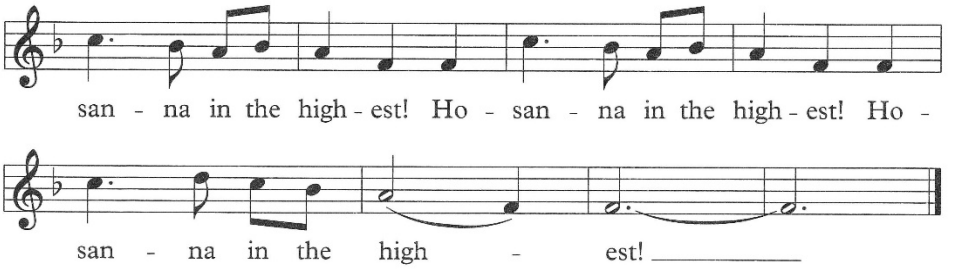
One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the LORD.

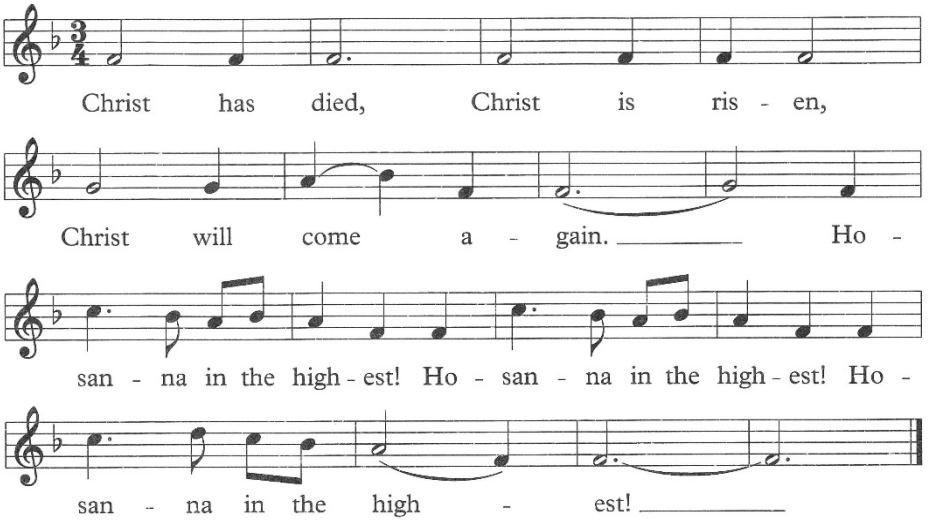
One: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

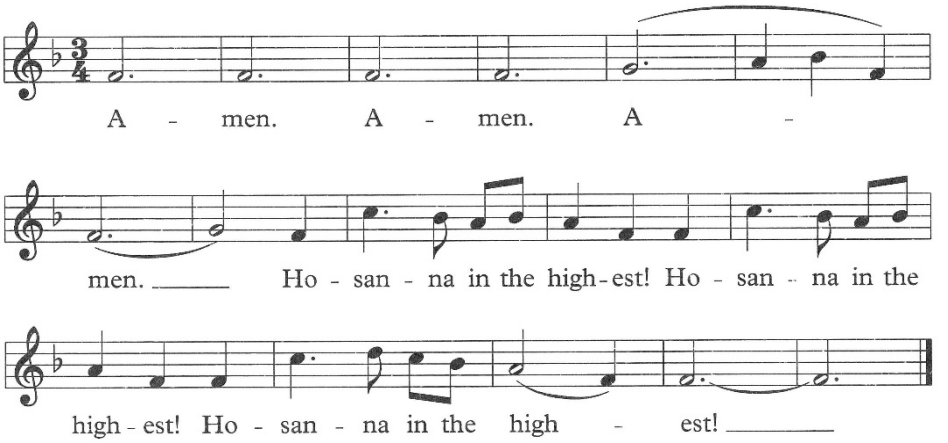
One: It is right . . . and join their unending hymn:



One: …as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



One: …all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



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 — Rev. Call

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP # 150 — *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* — HOLY MANNA

* BENEDICTION — Rev. Call

* POSTLUDE

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* The people may stand.

Don Verkuijlen, Director of Traditional Music & Organist

The flowers on the altar are dedicated in honor of the Sunday morning coffee hour hosts, a gift of the appreciative members of Church of the Saviour.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 6

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

Tuesday, September 8

United Women in Faith General Meeting, 10:00AM

Visit cotsumc.org/events for additional programming information and regularly scheduled events.

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.

New Church Photo Directory

The time has come! There have been a number of requests for a new church photo directory, and this fall we're taking it on. A professional photographer will be here at the church on three Sundays – September 20, October 4, and October 11 – to take complimentary photos of anyone who would like to be included. Scan the QR code to book a session window, and please be sure to read the instructions on the booking site about when to arrive. If you need any assistance reserving your photo session, please contact Sarah Dick in the church office at 216-321-8880 or office@cotsumc.org.

If you are unable or do not wish to have a new photo taken on one of these three dates, but still wish to have a photo included in the directory, you may submit one to Sarah by October 11. If you are a member or regular attendee of Church of the Saviour we will include your names, address, phone number, and email in the directory unless instructed otherwise. If you DO NOT wish to be included or want to limit the information shared in any way, please communicate that to Sarah by October 11. We are happy to adapt individually to your needs.

Please register your attendance at today's worship service.

Thank you!