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Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY

11:00 a.m.

OPENING TO GOD

PRELUDE Moderato (from *Sonata in G*) G.B. Grazioli
When Morning Gilds the Skies arr. Rex Koury

WELCOME The Rev. Andy Call

*CALL TO WORSHIP Chris McCandless

Leader: Waiting and hoping, we gather together,
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*HYMN OF PRAISE #101 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* Duke Street

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**We trust our own standards;
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**We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things.
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*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Share signs of reconciliation with each other.)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON *Psalms 105:1-6* Mrs. McCandless

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* David C. Dickau
David Gilson, soloist

*THE GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52* Mrs. McCandless

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE WORD
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE *Have You Understood?* Rev. Call

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION #420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Trentham

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (#895) Rev. Kendrick Jr.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

For hospitality with visitors and member care, please sign the Friendship Pad.

Offertory *Psalms XXIII* Paul Creston
David Gilson, soloist

*The Doxology (#95) & Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Faithfulness

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Variations on "Duke Street"* Rex Koury

*The people may stand. Acolytes: Emily Cassady and Anna Rose

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Ushers: Maryrose Molnar and the
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LIFESONG WORSHIP

OPENING PRAISE

Welcome

Brian Smart

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Singing Praises to God

Time with Children

Rev. Andy Call

SHARING THE WORD

Hearing God's Word

Anya Chew

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Message

Rev. Call

Have You Understood?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Rev. Gregory Kendrick Jr.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Closing Praise

Closing Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In memoriam

Eugene Zimmerman – July 22, 2017

Kay Everson – July 23, 2017

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to their family and friends.

Join us for a **Christmas party** in the parlor after the 11 a.m. service today. Enjoy cake, cookies, coffee, Christmas music, and find out how your Christmas gifts to COTS have given us a reason to celebrate! (Results on July 30 are only preliminary – you can still participate in Christmas in July through July 31!)

The Health Ministry Team will take your **blood pressure reading** this morning after each service in room 106.

Please pray for our children attending the East Ohio Summer Camps this week: **Wes Call, Eliot Call, and Mira Call.**

SummerFest 2017 is Saturday, August 5 from 5 - 9 p.m., and we need you! This event will be COMPLETELY FREE - free food, free games, free admission. To be as welcoming and hospitable as possible, we are seeking individuals who can commit to simply being present for all or a portion of the evening, and are willing to offer a friendly greeting to folks you don't yet know. Other roles are available, also. To volunteer, contact the church office or Curt Campbell at curt@chsaviour.org.

At the start of each new school year Church of the Saviour invites all students to bring their backpacks with them to worship for a **blessing of the backpacks** on Sunday, August 13.

School Supply Collection: We are collecting school supplies to help the teachers in our congregation who work in Cleveland and East Cleveland. Suggested supplies include: #2 pencils, lined notebook paper, rulers, crayons, manila art paper, white art paper, 1.5 inch three-ring binders, glue sticks, pencil cases, highlighters, colored pencils, graph paper (1/4"), spiral notebooks, pocket folders, #20 weight copy paper, multi-colored construction paper, and composition books. You may also write a check, payable to Church of the Saviour, with "school supplies" in the memo line, and we will do the shopping. Please bring the school supplies to church by Sunday, August 13.

Church Women United is collecting cookies for the USO. The cookies will be much appreciated by the young people and their families as the recruits are waiting to be inducted into the service. Cookies can be store-bought or homemade and can be delivered to Church of the Saviour by August 13.

Be God's ambassador to the world's future leaders through the international student ministry of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. We need volunteer hosts for temporary housing and drivers to pick up students from the airport. In addition, please save your donations and some time to volunteer at the International Student **Furniture Giveaway Event on Saturday, August 19** in the Great Hall. Donations of household items will be accepted after August 1. Contact Bok Chew at bokchew@yahoo.com or 216-371-3114.

If you would like to donate an **altar arrangement** in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the church office.

Other Worship Experiences

SUNDAY, August 6

8:30 a.m., Myers Chapel

9:30 a.m., Great Hall

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Andy Call preaching: *Why Excellence?* (Philippians 1:1-11)

Holy communion at all three services.

Prayer Meeting

10:40 to 10:55 a.m.

Sundays

Myers Chapel

All are welcome

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