

Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

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Our Service of Worship

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:15 am

Cottage Grove United Church of Christ is a Joyful Place to be... making connections, touching lives, and serving Christ.

We enter the Sanctuary to worship God. We leave the Sanctuary to serve with God.

*(*All who are able in body and/or spirit are invited to stand)*

We Gather to Worship

Countdown Music

"As the Deer"

Arr. By Mark Hayes

Gary Afdahl

Gathering Music

"Holy Spirit"

By Bryan Torwalt, Katie Torwalt - CCLI Song # 6087919, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

(If you wish, please type your online greetings/peace to one another in the chat/comment section.)

*An Opening Hymn of Praise

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

Lyric Sheet

Opening Prayer

God of love, in this Easter season of new and blossoming life, plant us in the soil of your grace. Use the implements of your grace and mercy to churn up and cast out what is foreign and hurtful. Leave nothing undone to help us be fruitful. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love, so that you may find us to be just the kind of vineyard you envisioned us to be. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Epistle Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Pastor Bryan Olson

Gospel Reading

John 5:1-8

Pam Dahlstrom

The Gift of Music

"How High and How Wide"

By Mark Altrogge - CCLI Song # 435313 CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

We Learn from God's Word

"The Art of Abiding"

Pastor Bryan Olson

*A Hymn of Faith

"Abide with Me"

Lyric Sheet

We Bring Our Tithes and Offerings

An Invitation to Give In-person, Electronically, and by Mail

(In-person guests are invited to place their offerings in the box by the door at the back of the sanctuary. For those who wish to give electronically, a QR Code will be shown during this time in the service where you can connect to CGUCC's safe and secure online giving site directly by scanning the code with your mobile device.)

We Receive God's Gifts in Holy Communion

(If you would like to participate in the sacrament at home, please have some bread, crackers, rice cakes, small tortillas, etc. to break and share as well as a cup or cups of juice, wine, or water for each person)

Invitation to Christ's Table

Communion Prayer

Words of Remembering (Breaking the bread and filling the cup)

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Elements

Communion Music

"Holy Ground"

By Chris Beatty, Geron Davis

Gary Afdahl

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go Out to Live and Serve

*A Song As We Part

"How Great Is Our God"

By Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves
CCLI Song # 4348399, CCLI License # 1913200

Lyric Sheet

(JC Rock Leads)

*We Receive A Blessing

*Music As We Leave

"Heaven Bound"

By The Oak Ridge Boys

JC Rock

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS TO...

- Read 1 John 4:7-21 and John 15:1-8 and reflect on the following questions: What do you think of when you hear Jesus say, "Abide in me as I abide in you"? What does it mean to abide in someone or something? In whom or what have you abided in during your life? Have you abided in Christ? If so, how?
- Remember that our selfless acts and expressions of love for God and neighbor are the most tangible signs of our abiding in God and God abiding in us.
- Donate a spring-themed gift basket for the online silent auction virtual fundraiser that will be held May 12-16, 2021. **Gift basket donations/items can be dropped off at the church through Thursday, May 6th.** If you would prefer to have your donation picked up from your home, please contact the church office at 651-459-1501 or office@cgucc.org.
- Submit a brief written or videorecorded tribute to your mother or another important woman in your life to be shared during worship on Mother's Day (May 9th). Please submit all tributes to Pastor Bryan (pastor@cgucc.org) by **Friday, May 7th.**
- Give my financial tithes and offerings to the church in-person, electronically, or by mail (7008 Lamar Ave S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016).