

Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

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Our Service of Worship

October 24, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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	<i>"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"</i> Sojourner Melody	Gary Afdahl
Gathering Music	<i>"There's A Man In Here"</i> By The Statler Brothers	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 Prayer		Tom Pechacek
*An Opening Hymn of Praise	<i>"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"</i>	Lyric Sheet, NCH #117

A Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Invitation to Confession		
Silent Confession/Prayer of Confession (spoken together)		
<b>Loving God, you know us. You know the inner thoughts of which we are ashamed and the visible deeds we regret. You know our struggle to live faithfully: being generous to those in need; being forgiving to those who have hurt us; being patient when there is so much to do; taking time for prayer in the midst of busyness; being loving, when judging and criticizing are our first thoughts. Blessed God, you know us, love us, forgive us, trust us, and we stand in awe at your amazing grace. Keep us on the path of Christ and lead us to deep joy and abundant gratitude. In Jesus' name. Amen.</b>		
Assurance of Forgiveness		
Leader: Our God is a God of love and mercy, who allows us always to begin again. By God's grace, we are forgiven to walk in newness of life.		
<b>All: Thanks be to God! Amen.</b>		

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer of Illumination	<i>"More Light"</i> By Christopher Grundy - © Hand and Soil Music	Lyric Sheet (Emily Olson Leads)
Gospel Reading	Matthew 11:2-22	
The Gift of Music	<i>"Jesus Friend of Sinners"</i> By Mark Hall, Matthew West - CCLI Song # 6093697, CCLI License # 1913200	JC Rock
We Learn from God's Word	<i>"Get Ready to Gasp!"</i> <i>Turning the Gem: Reading the Bible in New, Inspiring, and Unexpected Ways</i>	Pastor Bryan Olson
*A Hymn of Faith	<i>"Help Us Accept Each Other"</i>	Lyric Sheet, NCH #388

New Member Welcome

It is with great joy that we officially welcome Nancy James into membership at Cottage Grove UCC!

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 Offer Our Prayers

We Gather and Share Our Prayers and Thanksgivings	
(If you would like to, please share your prayer requests online by typing them into the chat/comment section or sending a private message to Pastor Bryan at pastor@cgucc.org)	
We Pray Together	
The Lord's Prayer	

We Go Out to Live and Serve

*A Song As We Part	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"</i> By Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio CCLI Song # 4768151, CCLI License # 1913200	Lyric Sheet (JC Rock Leads)
*We Receive A Blessing		
*Music As We Leave	<i>"What A Friend"</i> By Abbie Parker, Adam Palmer, Matt Maher, Matthew Hein - CCLI Song # 7076507, CCLI License # 1913200	JC Rock

NEXT STEPS THIS WEEK...

- ☐ Commit to regularly reading/listening to the Bible and exploring/studying it in new and meaningful ways.
- ☐ Reflect on the following: Who might you consider to be a modern day Sidonian? Why? How did you come to believe that? How receptive is your heart to a fresh word about grace? Are you hungry to learn, to grow, to be transformed? Do you want to see people and things in a new way?
- ☐ Prayerfully consider creating and donating a basket for the CGUCC Virtual Holiday Gift Basket Auction (Nov. 17-21) and/or making a special financial offering to the "FEATHER THE TURKEY" campaign to help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 to support the vital mission and ministries at CGUCC.
- ☐ Give my financial tithes and offerings to the church in-person, electronically, or by mail (7008 Lamar Ave S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016).