

Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

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Our Service of Worship

January 9, 2022

First Sunday after Epiphany

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

"You Are My Hiding Place"
By Michael Ledner

Gary Afdahl

Gathering Music

"Goodness of God"

JC Rock

By Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson - CCLI Song # 7117726, CCLI License # 1913200

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

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

An Opening Prayer

*An Opening Hymn of Praise

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Lyric Sheet

By Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman - CCLI Song # 6016351, CCLI License # 1913200

A Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Invitation to Confession

Silent Confession/Prayer of Confession (spoken together)

Adapted from Maren Tirabassi

Gentle and holy God, we acknowledge to you, to one another, and to ourselves that we are not what you have called us to be. We have stifled our gifts and wasted our time. We have avoided opportunities to offer kindness, but have been quick to take offense. We have pretended that we could make no contribution to peace and justice in our world and have excused ourselves from trying to better our own community. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and help us to live our lives differently, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Our God is a God of love and kindness, who allows us always to begin again. By God's grace, we are forgiven to walk in newness of life.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

A Response of Praise

"Doxology"

Lyric Sheet, NCH #780

We Listen for God's Word

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-11

The Gift of Music

"The River"

JC Rock

By Colby Wedgeworth, Jordan Feliz, Joshua Silverberg - CCLI Song # 7047433, CCLI License # 1913200

We Learn From God's Word

"A Sacramental Kindness"

Pastor Bryan Olson

A Hymn of Faith

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

Lyric Sheet, NCH #388

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

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

Lyric Sheet, NCH #326

We Receive A Blessing

Music As We Leave

"Try A Little Kindness"

JC Rock

Recorded by Glen Campbell, Written by Bobby Austin, Curt Sapaugh

NEXT STEPS THIS WEEK...

- Reflect on the following questions: How would you define kindness? To whom do you find it most difficult to be kind? Why? How did Jesus manifest kindness in his earthly ministry?
- Remember your baptism and the sacramental kindness of acceptance and forgiveness that you receive through it.
- As an act of kindness, take the time to repent, confess and ask God for forgiveness for your sins, receive that gift of grace, and then offer it to others through your words and actions towards them.
- Stay after worship this morning and help take down and put away the Christmas decorations.
- Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the **CGUCC Annual Meeting** in-person or virtually after worship on **Sunday, January 23, 2022.**
- Give my financial tithes and offerings to the church in-person, electronically, or by mail (7008 Lamar Ave S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016).