

Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

7008 Lamar Avenue South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016-2397

(651) 459-1501

www.cgucc.org

office@cgucc.org

Our Service of Worship

September 25, 2022

Sixteenth 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

"That's Why I'm Here"

JC Rock

By Ava Aldridge, Lenny LeBlanc - CCLI Song # 2771865, CCLI License # 1913200

Gathering Music

"This Is Amazing Grace"

JC Rock

By Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham - CCLI Song # 6333821, CCLI License # 1913200

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 (spoken together)

Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. You call us to carry out your mission of love to the world, yet we struggle to understand why you choose us. Speak to us through your Word. Assure us of your continuing presence, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage, our confusion to confidence, and our dreams to reality that we will serve as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*An Opening Hymn of Praise

"How Great Thou Art"

Lyric Sheet, HFG #2

We Listen for God's Word

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

The Gift of Music

"Counting Every Blessing"

JC Rock

By Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson - CCLI Song # 7101176, CCLI License # 1913200

We Learn from God's Word

"Taking Risks to Invest In Your Dreams"
"Dream Big" Message Series

Pastor Bryan Olson

*A Hymn of Faith

"I Walk By Faith"

Lyric Sheet

By Chris Falson - CCLI Song # 464834, CCLI License # 1913200

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 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.)

Offertory Response

"Give Thanks"

Lyric Sheet

By Henry Smith - CCLI Song # 20285, CCLI License # 1913200

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

"How Great Is Our God"

Lyric Sheet

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

*We Receive A Blessing

*Music As We Leave

"Forever"

JC Rock

By Chris Tomlin - CCLI Song # 3148428, CCLI License # 1913200

NEXT STEPS THIS WEEK...

- Reflect on and answer the following questions: When have you "played it safe" with an opportunity instead of taking a risk to pursue your ambitions and dreams? What happened? What did you learn from the experience? When have you taken a leap of faith and risked what you had to maximize the investment? How did this compare to playing it safe? What made the difference? How does your view of God influence your willingness to risk what God has entrusted to you?
- Write down an unfiltered BIG LIST of ambitions and dreams you have and categorize them as small/easy, medium/kind-of-difficult, and large/seemingly impossible. Then go deeper and choose a few of those ambitions and dreams (maybe one from each category) and take the risk of "trying them on" to see how they fit in your life now and with the life you feel God calling you to live.
- Prayerfully consider donating blood at the American Red Cross blood drive at Cottage Grove UCC on **Thursday, October 13th**. To schedule an appointment, please call Karen at 437-7734 or go online to Redcrossblood.org and type in the sponsor code CGUCC.
- Bake goodies (pies, cookies, bars, etc.) and breads for the CGUCC Farmers Market Bake Sale on **September 29th**. *If you would like to make some delicious goodies and donate them to the bake sale any week during the season, please bring them to the church before 2 pm each Thursday.*
- Give my financial tithes and offerings to the church **in person, electronically** (using the QR code or at www.cgucc.org), or **by mail** (7008 Lamar Ave S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016).

