

Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

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Our Service of Worship

February 5, 2023

Fifth 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

"Lord I Want to Be a Christian"

Gary Afdahl

Arr. By Robert J Hughes - One License Song # 1039539, One License # A-740865

Gathering Music

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

Austin Swayne and JC Rock

By Billy J. Foote - CCLI Song # 2456623, CCLI License # 1913200

Welcome

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

*An Opening Prayer

*An Opening Song of Praise

"The Church's One Foundation"

Lyric Sheet, NCH #386, vs 1, 2

We Listen for God's Word

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

The Gift of Music

"Great Are You Lord"

Austin Swayne and JC Rock

By David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan - CCLI Song # 6460220, CCLI License # 1913200

We Learn from God's Word

"Essential Elements of Discipleship"
Following Jesus Message Series

Pastor Bryan Olson

A Song of Faith

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Lyric Sheet, NCH #493, vs 1, 3

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 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)

Gathering Our Prayers

Invitation to Christ's Table

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of God's Forgiveness (spoken together)

Words on screen

Communion Prayer

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

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

Receiving the Elements

*Cottage Grove UCC practices open communion. People of all ages who confess Christ as Savior are welcome at Christ's table. Today we will receive communion by intinction. You are invited to come forward down the center aisle, receive the bread or gluten free cracker, dip it into a cup with wine (dark colored) **OR** grape juice (light colored), eat and receive a blessing. Then return to your seat by a side aisle. Servers will go to the pews of those unable to come forward. Please inform an usher of your desire to receive communion in your pew. Sealed Communion kits (wafer and grape juice) are available in the Gathering Room for those who would like to receive the elements that way.*

Communion Music

"Change My Heart, O God"

Gary Afdahl

By Eddie Espinosa - One License Song # 49853, One License # A-740865

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (spoken together)

Words on screen

We Go Out to Live and Serve

*A Song As We Part

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Lyric Sheet, NCH #419, vs 1-3

*We Receive A Blessing

*Music As We Leave

"How Great Is Our God"

Austin Swayne and JC Rock

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

NEXT STEPS THIS WEEK...

- Reflect on the following questions: What would it look like for you to follow Jesus' call to be *salt* and *light* to the world today? What specific actions would you take and why?
- Remember that when we choose to follow Jesus, we are also choosing to follow, to the best of our ability, God's commandment to embody the law and prophets of the Old Testament and to live a righteous, just, and loving life.
- Mark your calendars for the Souper Bowl of Caring event on **Sunday, February 12th** and make a donation of money and/or non-perishable food items that day or the week leading up to the event (Feb. 6-11). The ASPIRE Youth Group is leading this event and all donations will go to benefit our local food shelves (Open Cupboard and Friends in Need) and help feed hungry people in our community.
- Participate, as a reader or sponsor, in the **Kidz Ministry "I Love to Read" Read-a-Thon** during the month of February to help raise money for the church while promoting important reading skills and education at the same time. To learn more about the Read-a-Thon and how you and your family can participate, please contact Krisi Jacobs at krisijacobs6@gmail.com.
- 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).

