

Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

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Our Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

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 Surrender All"

Gary Afdahl

Arr. By Lani Smith - One License Song # 95084, One License # A-740865

Gathering Music

"There's A Man In Here"

JC Rock

By The Statler Brothers

Welcome

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

*An Opening Song 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

Prayer of Confession (spoken together)

Holy God, blessed Jesus, people were always crowding around you and clamoring for your attention, wanting you to see them, heal them, help them. Yet you never rushed away from them. You gave generously of your time, had compassion in your heart, love in your touch, kindness in your eyes. Holy God, we confess that too often we fail to follow Jesus's example. In our busy-ness we often ignore each other as human beings. We have places to go, phone calls to make and texts to send, meetings to organize and problems to solve. We are pulled in so many directions, and it can be too easy to focus on the task that needs to get done and ignore the needs of the people that are right in front of us asking for help. Remind us of the acts of ministry possible in every encounter we have. Forgive us for the times when we have ignored or been too busy to show compassion to others. Show to us the face of the risen Christ in each person, no matter how humble or exalted. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words on Screen

A Response of Praise

"Doxology"

Lyric Sheet, NCH #780

We Listen for God's Word

Gospel Readings

Luke 9:51-53, Luke 17:11-17

The Gift of Music

"Your Grace Is Enough"

JC Rock

By Matt Maher - CCLI Song # 4477026, CCLI License # 1913200

We Learn from God's Word

"There Should Always Be Time for Compassion"

Pastor Bryan Olson

Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws Message Series

A Song of Faith

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Lyric Sheet, NCH #539

We Bring Our Tithes and Offerings

An Opportunity to Serve

Trash To Treasure Sale

Sheri Wohlers

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

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Lyric Sheet, NCH #495

*We Receive A Blessing

*Music As We Leave

"All The People Said Amen"

JC Rock

By Matt Maher, Paul Moak, Trevor Morgan - CCLI Song # 6518275, CCLI License # 1913200

NEXT STEPS THIS WEEK...

- Reflect on and answer the following questions: Whom does our society push to its margins, and why? How much direct contact have you had or do you have with people on society's margins? How does or could our congregation minister with people on the margins?
- Even though Jesus had set his face for Jerusalem, he was never too busy to offer compassion and healing to those he saw who were in need. What is one way you can offer that same type of ministry to another person today?
- Continue or start the **40-Day Gospel of Luke Reading Challenge**.
- Bring in your donations for and/or sign up to help with the Women's Fellowship **Trash to Treasure Sale** (April 14 & 15). To learn more about the Sale and how you can participate, please contact Sheri Wohlers or Nancy in the church office (office@cgucc.org or 651-459-1501).
- 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).

