

Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

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Our Service of Worship

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

"Hallelujah for the Cross"

By Ben Glover, Chris McClarney, Jeff Pardo - CCLI Song # 7107551, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

Gathering Music

"Is He Worthy"

By Andrew Peterson, Ben Shive - CCLI Song # 7108951, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

Welcome

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

*An Opening Song of Praise

"This Is The Day"

By Bob Fitts - CCLI Song # 943582, CCLI License # 1913200

Lyric Sheet

A Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (spoken together)

Loving God, we have been wandering, lost not only on the highways but on the journey to our true selves. We have tried that which does not last, followed that which goes nowhere, bought things that do not satisfy. Persistent God, you love us beyond what is reasonable. You call us by name. You search for us in all the seasons of life and hold out a hand to us. Forgiving God, open our eyes and let us see the way back to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 19:1-10

The Gift of Music

"Reckless Love"

By Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, Ran Jackson - CCLI Song # 7089641, CCLI License # 1913200

Austin Swayne

We Learn from God's Word

"The Lost Mission"

Pastor Bryan Olson

Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws Message Series

A Song of Faith

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

By Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio - CCLI Song # 4768151, CCLI License # 1913200

Lyric Sheet

We Bring Our Tithes and Offerings

An Opportunity to Serve

Palm Sunday Brunch

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"

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

Lyric Sheet

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

"Shine Jesus Shine"

By Graham Kendrick - CCLI Song # 30426, CCLI License # 1913200

Lyric Sheet

*We Receive A Blessing

*Music As We Leave

"I Love Your Grace"

By Rick Founds - CCLI Song # 522604, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

NEXT STEPS THIS WEEK...

- Reflect on and answer the following questions: In Luke 19:10, Jesus defines his earthly mission as being to "seek out and save the lost". As the church that is meant to be the ongoing presence of Christ in the world, what can we do today to live out that mission as Jesus did? How does the church identify "the lost"? What ways of reaching out to "the lost" does Jesus's example support or not support, and how? What are the potential problems, if any, with thinking and speaking of others as "lost," and how does or can the church avoid those problems?
- Use your gifts to help host the **Palm Sunday Brunch** for the congregation on April 2nd. *Assist with food prep, decorating, and set-up for the brunch on April 1st at 1:00 pm and/or serving and clean-up on April 2nd.*
- Sign-up to bring coffee cakes, muffins, sweetbreads, etc. for the Palm Sunday Brunch next Sunday (April 2nd).
- 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).

