

# Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

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## Our Service of Worship

September 17, 2023

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

*"His Eye is on the Sparrow"*

By Charles Gabriel - CCLI Song # 777692, CCLI License # 1913200

Gary Afdahl

Gathering Music

*"Fear is a Liar"*

By Jason Ingram, Jonathan Smith, Zach Williams - CCLI Song # 7071172, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock (video)

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)

***Almighty God, fill this place with your presence and Spirit. May you be our guide as we worship, our voice as we sing, our hearts as we pray, our ears as we listen. Please clear our minds and hearts of the distractions of daily life, of worries about tomorrow's responsibilities, of anxiety about past mistakes, and of fears about the future. Instead, fill us with your Spirit of hope and peace. You are the reason we come together in worship, and we invite you to be the center of all that happens in this sacred time and space. Thank you for your presence among us. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.***

\*An Opening Hymn of Praise

*"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

By Paul Baloche - CCLI Song # 7776922298355, CCLI License # 1913200

Lyric Sheet

### We Listen for God's Word

A Time for Children

*"Backpack of Faith"*

Pastor Bryan Olson

*(All children and students of any age are invited to bring their backpacks and school bags forward to be blessed and to receive a special blessing tag for their bag.)*

The Gift of Music

*"Peace Be Still"*

By Andrew Holt, Hope Darst, Mia Fieldes - CCLI Song # 7084363, CCLI License # 1913200

Emily Olson

We Learn from God's Word

*"Deliver Us from Anxiety and Fear"*  
*God, Deliver Us! Message Series*

Pastor Bryan Olson

\*A Hymn of Faith

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

Lyric Sheet NCH #436

### 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"*

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

*"O God Our Help in Ages Past"*

Lyric Sheet, NCH #25

\*We Receive A Blessing

\*Music As We Leave

*"God is Good All the Time"*

By Don Moen, Paul Overstreet - CCLI Song # 1729073, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock (video)

### NEXT STEPS THIS WEEK...

- Read and reflect on Psalm 34:14, 94:19, Isaiah 41:10, Philippians 4:6-7, and remember that God promises to deliver us from our anxieties and fears.
- When you are feeling anxious or worried, take time to practice breathing and mindfulness as a way of connecting with God's presence in the moment.
- Attend the church picnic following worship **TODAY** and enjoy some wonderful food and fellowship with other CGUCC members and friends.
- Bake goodies (pies, cookies, bars, etc.) and breads for the CGUCC Farmers Market Bake Sale on **September 21st**. *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.*
- Signup to donate blood at the American Red Cross blood drive at CGUCC on **Thursday, October 12th** from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Schedule an appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use the sponsor code CGUCC.
- Give my financial tithes and offerings to the church **in person, electronically** (using the QR code or at [www.cgucc.org](http://www.cgucc.org)), or **by mail** (7008 Lamar Ave S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016).

