

# Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

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## Our Service of Worship

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

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

Gathering Music

*"People Need the Lord"*

Gary Afdahl

By Greg Nelson, Phill McHugh - CCLI Song # 18084, 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 Hymn of Praise

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Lyric Sheet, HFG #98, vs. 1-3

### A Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness (spoken together)

Words on Screen

A Response of Praise

*"Gloria Patri"*

Lyric Sheet, HFG #142

### We Listen for God's Word

Story Time for Children

*"What Is God Like?"*

Pastor Bryan Olson

Written by Rachel Held Evans and Matthew Paul Turner, Illustrations by Ying Hui Tan - © 2021 Convergent Books

A Gift of Music

*"Our God"*

JC Rock (Video)

By Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman - CCLI Song # 5677416, CCLI License # 1913200

We Learn from God's Word

*"God Is Like..."*

Pastor Bryan Olson

*God Is Still Speaking... In Children's Books Message Series*

\*A Hymn of Faith

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

Lyric Sheet, NCH #1, 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

A Song of Preparation

*"As We Gather at Your Table"*

Lyric Sheet, NCH #332, vs. 1

Invitation to Christ's Table

Communion Prayer

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

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

Words on screen

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.*

Communion Music

*"Lamb of Glory"*

Gary Afdahl

By Greg Nelson, Phill McHugh - CCLI Song # 15128, CCLI License # 1913200

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (spoken together)

Words on screen

### We Go Out to Live and Serve

\*A Hymn As We Part

*"Blessed Assurance"*

Lyric Sheet, NCH # 473, vs. 1, 3

\*We Receive A Blessing

\*Music As We Leave

*"God Is Good All The Time"*

JC Rock (Video)

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

### NEXT STEPS...

- Whenever you aren't sure what God is like, think about what makes you feel safe, what makes you feel brave, and what makes you feel loved. Remember, that's what God is like!
- Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the next CGUCC Farmers Market of the season this **Thursday, July 12th** from **2:30-6:30 pm**. The next Farmers Market bake sale to benefit the mission and ministries of CGUCC will also be held on July 12th. 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.
- Reserve your spot on the intergenerational mission trip to *Camp Courageous of Iowa* (July 28-Aug 2) by contacting Pastor Bryan by **Sunday, July 14th**.
- Register my child/children or grandchild/grandchildren for *Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School* (**August 12-15, 2024**).
- Are you new to Cottage Grove UCC or visiting for the first time? Would you like to learn more about the congregation and it's mission and ministries? If so, please complete a **Connection Card** and place it in the offering box in the back of the sanctuary or hand to an usher.
- 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).

