

Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

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Our Service of Worship

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

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

"This is the Day"

JC Rock

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

Ringling of the Bell/Welcome

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

*An Opening Song of Praise

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Lyric Sheet

By Brian Doerksen - CCLI Song # 2430948, CCLI License # 1913200

Advent Candle Lighting: The Candle of Hope (Words on screen)

The Kropelnicki Family

A Response in Song

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Lyric Sheet, HFG #178, vs. 1

We Listen for God's Word

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:5-25; 57-66

The Gift of Music

"My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

JC Rock

By Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson - CCLI Song # 5601671, CCLI License # 1913200

We Learn from God's Word

"Hope is Contagious"

Pastor Bryan Olson

An Unlikely Advent Message Series

A Hymn of Faith

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Lyric Sheet, HFG #168, vs. 1-2

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

"Offering"

Lyric Sheet

By Paul Baloche - CCLI Song # 3956562, 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

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Lyric Sheet, HFG #166, vs. 1, 2

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. 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

"The Table"

JC Rock

By Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Wayne Jolly - CCLI Song # 7028956, CCLI License # 1913200

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (spoken together)

Words on screen

We Go Out to Live and Serve

*A Song As We Part

"Cornerstone"

Lyric Sheet

By Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, William Batchelder Bradbury - CCLI Song # 6158927, CCLI License # 1913200

*We Receive A Blessing

*Music As We Leave

"Do You Hear What I Hear"

JC Rock

NEXT STEPS THIS WEEK...

- What dream do you have for yourself and the church that you are willing to work with God and others to become a reality in the new year? How can you be a purveyor of contagious hope in your family, community, and the church?
- Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to join you at the following Christmas services: **Service of Light and Remembrance** (Dec. 19 - 7:00 pm), **Kidz Ministry Christmas Pageant** (Dec. 22 - 10:15 am), **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship** (4:00 pm and 9:00 pm).
- Join the Women's Fellowship in putting together care packages to share with some of our church members over the Christmas season to spread holiday joy! Volunteers needed to donate 2-3 dozen small Christmas cookies by **Sunday, December 15th**, prepare soup on **Friday, December 13th at 9 am**, and assemble and deliver care packages on **Sunday, December 15th**. This project is open to everyone including women, men, youth, and families.
- If you are looking for a great way to make a difference in the life of our church and community this Christmas season, please prayerfully consider making a special year-end financial gift to Cottage Grove UCC to help strengthen our vital mission and ministries.
- 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).

