

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

“My Life is in You”

By Daniel Gardner - CCLI Song # 17315, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Ringling 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

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Lyric Sheet, NCH #1, vs. 1-4

*An Opening Prayer (*spoken together*)

Words on screen

Majestic and mighty God, we gather in your presence today as your people. In worship, we dare to proclaim that we are not the center of the universe, we are not the Creator, we are not able to save ourselves. It is not for lack of trying! We exhaust ourselves attempting to control and manipulate our circumstances. We live frenzied and harried lives trying to prove our worth. We bear the weight of believing everything is up to us. In worship, though, you confront us with the truth. You invite us to trust you rather than ourselves. You call us to rest in your providence and goodness. You offer us mercy and forgiveness. You open your arms of love and invite us home. Thank you for reorienting us to the truth of who you are and to whom we belong. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

We Listen for God’s Word

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

A Gift of Music

“Is He Worthy”

JC Rock

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

An Affirmation of Faith (*spoken together*)

Words on screen (Adapted from John 1, Col. 1)

We Learn from God’s Word

“The Marvelous Christ”

Pastor Bryan Olson

*A Song of Faith

“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”

Lyric Sheet

By John Wilbur Chapman, Mark Hall, Michael Bleecker - CCLI Song # 5638022, CCLI License # 1913200

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. The same QR code can be found at the bottom of the bulletin.)

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 (debts/debtors)

Words on screen

We Go Out to Live and Serve

*A Hymn As We Part

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Lyric Sheet, NCH #386, vs. 1-4

*We Receive A Blessing

*Music As We Leave

“Praise Medley”

JC Rock

NEXT STEPS...

- Remember that Christ is the Marvelous Messiah, Righteous Redeemer, and Stupendous Savior we can always count on to hold us together when our world is literally and figuratively falling apart.
- SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 21!** Kidz Ministry Kickoff with backpack blessing at 9:15 am. Worship at 10:15 am. Fall Church Potluck Picnic at 11:30 am. A fun, faith-filled morning for the entire family!
- Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the next CGUCC Farmers Market of the season this **Thursday, August 28th** from **2:30-6:30 pm**. If you would like to volunteer at the Farmers Market this year (i.e. set-up/clean-up, baking, grilling, serving at the bake sale or Garage Grill), please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Room or online using the Sign-up Genius forms.
- Sign-up at the Coffee Bar to host the Fellowship Time** following worship one Sunday this fall. It is a fun way to connect with and get to know other people in the congregation. If you have any questions about hosting the Fellowship Time, please contact Sue Weiby.
- 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).

