

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

“Goodness of God”

By Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson - CCLI Song # 7117726, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

“You Love Me Anyway”

By Ben McDonald, David Frey, Mark Delavergne - CCLI Song # 5506680, CCLI License # 1913200

Lily Alter

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

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

By Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman - CCLI Song # 6016351, CCLI License # 191320

Lyric Sheet

*An Opening Prayer (**Spoken together** - Adapted from Phyllis Cole and Everett Tilson)

Words on screen

Gracious God, you erase the gains of the proud but reward the efforts of the lowly. Cleanse us from our pride, we pray, that we may enter your presence free of shame, guilt, and doubt. We do not claim to be perfect in our humility, but we approach you in the name of the One who was. With Jesus the Christ you were well-pleased. Welcome us in his name, that we might learn from him the humility that brings forth the flower of righteousness. Amen.

We Listen for God’s Word

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

A Gift of Music

“Jesus Friend of Sinners”

By Mark Hall, Matthew West - CCLI Song # 6093697, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

We Learn from God’s Word

“The Positive Power of Regret?”

Preaching in Parables Message Series

Pastor Bryan Olson

*A Hymn of Faith

“Just as I Am”

Lyric Sheet, NCH #207, vs. 1-4

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

“What A Beautiful Name”

By Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood - CCLI Song # 7068424, CCLI License # 1913200

Lily Alter

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 Song As We Part

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

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

Lyric Sheet

*We Receive A Blessing

“This is Amazing Grace”

By Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham - CCLI Song # 6333821, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

NEXT STEPS...

- ❑ What does it mean to be humble before God? How can living more humbly lead us to serve sacrificially as Jesus taught and modeled? How can honesty and humility turn our regrets from a negative power that holds us back to a positive one that moves us forward to a more glorious future?
- ❑ Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the next CGUCC Farmers Market of the season this **Thursday, September 18th** 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.
- ❑ **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!
- ❑ Schedule an appointment to donate blood at the **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at CGUCC on **Thursday, October 9th** (11:00 am—5:00 pm). You may schedule an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org (*Sponsor Code: CGUCC*) or contact Karen Spicer.
- ❑ 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).

