

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

“Start A Fire”

By Chad Mattson, Jonathan Lowry, Seth Mosley - CCLI Song # 7017142, CCLI License # 1913200

Lily Alter

Gathering Music

“I Will Follow”

By Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan - CCLI Song # 5806878, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

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

“Come, O Thankful People, Come”

Lyric Sheet, NCH #422, vs. 1-3

*An Opening Prayer

Holy God, we gather for worship marveling at your splendor and majesty and grateful for your presence with us. We lift high your name as the name that is worthy above all other names to be honored, glorified and exalted. We tell again the stories of your mighty acts of creation and redemption, thereby reminding one another of whose world we really live in. We rehearse the songs your people sang so that we, too, can give voice to the joys and sorrows of life. Inhabit our praise and receive our worship, we pray, as the offering of our hearts given in gratitude for your love at work in our lives. Amen.

We Listen for God’s Word

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

A Time for Children

“Use Your Time Wisely”

Pastor Bryan Olson

The Gift of Music

“Counting Every Blessing”

By Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson - CCLI Song # 7101176, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

We Learn from God’s Word

“Countering Complaining with Gratitude”

Pastor Bryan Olson

*A Hymn of Faith

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Lyric Sheet, NCH #419, 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. The same QR code can be found at the bottom of the bulletin.)

Offertory

“Come, Follow Me”

By Elly and Steve Kupferschmid - One License Song # 29554, One License # A-740865

Chancel Choir

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 Hymn As We Part

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

Lyric Sheet, NCH #4, vs. 1, 3, 4

*We Receive A Blessing

*Music As We Leave

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

By Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson, William Herron - CCLI Song # 6186078, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

NEXT STEPS...

- ☐ Practice the spiritual discipline of giving thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of Jesus Christ.

☐ Make plans to stay after worship **TODAY, November 23rd** to help **decorate the sanctuary and church for Advent and Christmas**. This is always a fun and festive time and many hands make light work for all. The Women’s Fellowship will also be providing a **FREE** lunch for all volunteers.

☐ Prayerfully consider volunteering to help host the **Live Nativity** at CGUCC on **Saturday, December 13th**. If you would like to have a role in the Live Nativity pageant, please contact *Pete Potyondy* or *Pastor Bryan* by **TODAY, November 23rd**. If you would like to be a greeter, serve on the hospitality team (making and serving hot chocolate and coffee), assist with set-up and/or clean-up, or volunteer your time and talents in any other way, please contact *Nancy* in the church office by **Sunday, November 30th**.

☐ Help spread the word about the Live Nativity by posting printed flyers around our local communities, sharing CGUCC’s social media posts about the event, and/or personally inviting family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and community members to attend.

☐ 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).
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Special Music Lyrics

“Start A Fire”

By Chad Mattson, Jonathan Lowry, Seth Mosley

Verse 1

This world can be cold and bitter
Feels like we're in the dead of winter
Waiting on something better
But am I really gonna hide forever
Over and over again
I hear Your voice in my head
Let Your light shine
Let Your light shine for all to see

Chorus

(And) start a fire in my soul
Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying
Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You that it's You that we need
Start a fire in me

Verse 2

You only need a spark to start a whole blaze
It only takes a little faith
Let it start right here in this city
So these old walls will never be the same
Over and over again
I hear Your voice in my head
They need to know I need to go
Spirit won't You fall on my heart now

Bridge

You are the fire You are the flame
You are the light on the darkest day
We have the hope we bear Your name
We carry the news that You have come to save
Only You can save

Ending

You are the fire You are the flame
You are the light on the darkest day
Start a fire in me
Oo oo oo oo
Oo oo oo

“I Will Follow”

By Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan

Intro

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow
Oh oh oh

Verse 1

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)

Interlude

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Verse 2

Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Ending

Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

By Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson, William Herron

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

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