

# Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

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## Our Service of Worship

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

**"Goodness of God"**

CGUCC Praise Band

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

**"In Christ Alone"**

Lily Alter

By Keith Getty, Stuart Townend - CCLI Song # 3350395, CCLI License # 1913200

Ringing 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

\*An Opening Prayer (**spoken together**)

Words on screen

**O God, you call us to follow Jesus Christ as his disciples. We meet in this time to learn how to do this more faithfully. Help us as we worship to better understand who Jesus was and is. May we learn from the faithful witness of others just what true discipleship looks like. We ask for and pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### We Listen for God's Word

Gospel Reading

John 1:29-42

A Gift of Music

**"The Power of Your Love"**

CGUCC Praise Band

By Geoff Bullock - CCLI Song # 917491, CCLI License # 1913200

We Learn from God's Word

**"Effective Invitations"**

Pastor Bryan Olson

*Discipleship 101 Message Series*

\*A Hymn of Faith

**"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

Lyric Sheet, NCH #495, 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.)*

Offertory

**"Miracle in the Works"**

Lily Alter

By Bryan Torwalt, Hank Bentley, Jessie Early, Katie Torwalt - CCLI Song # 7163844, 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

**"O Savior, Let Me Walk with You"**

Lyric Sheet, NCH #503, vs. 1-3

\*We Receive A Blessing

**"That's Why I'm Here"**

CGUCC Praise Band

\*Music As We Leave

By Ava Aldridge, Lenny LeBlanc - CCLI Song # 2771865, CCLI License # 1913200

### NEXT STEPS...

- Our challenge as disciples is to create welcoming spaces where we can invite people to come, see, and have a personal encounter with the living Christ.
- Write down five things you believe and know to be true about Jesus and how having faith in those things has personally transformed your life for the better and made you want to follow in the way of Christ and be his disciple?
- Join in the challenge to continue to bring Christmas joy to others in this new year. Prayerfully consider donating a **brand new stuffed animal (clean with tags) and bringing it to the church throughout the month of January**. At the end of the month, all the stuffed animals we collect will be given to Gillette Children's Hospital to bring comfort and joy to children going through some very difficult times.
- Make plans to attend the **CGUCC Annual Meeting** in person or virtually after worship on **Sunday, January 25, 2026**.
- The ASPIRE youth want to remind you that the **Souper Bowl of Caring** collection of money and non-perishable food items for the Basic Needs Food Pantry in Cottage Grove will be happening on **Super Bowl Sunday (February 8th)**. Please mark your calendars for this special event and make plans to make your donations, as you are able, on or before February 8th. Thank you!
- 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).



# Special Music Lyrics

## “Goodness of God”

By Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson

### Verse 1

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

### Chorus

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

### Verse 2

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

### Bridge

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

## “In Christ Alone”

By Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

### Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

### Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

### Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

### Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## “The Power of Your Love”

By Geoff Bullock

### Verse 1

Lord I come to You  
Let my heart be changed renewed  
Flowing from the grace  
That I found in You  
And Lord I've come to know  
The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away  
By the pow'r of Your love

### Chorus

Hold me close  
Let Your love surround me  
Bring me near  
Draw me to Your side  
And as I wait  
I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You  
Your Spirit leads me on  
In the pow'r of Your love

### Verse 2

Lord unveil my eyes  
Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love  
As You live in me  
Lord renew my mind  
As Your will unfolds in my life  
In living ev'ry day  
By the pow'r of Your love

## “Miracle in the Works”

By Bryan Torwalt, Hank Bentley, Jessie Early, Katie Torwalt

### Verse 1

Some may say it's hopeless  
They have never met my God  
Some may say it's over  
But it was finished on the cross  
Some may say it's broken  
But the Healer's in the room  
Some may say it's hopeless  
But I know  
God's about to move  
God's about to move

### Chorus

There's a miracle in the works  
I can feel it  
There's revival in the church  
I believe it  
(I believe it)

### Verse 2

Some may see an ocean  
But He's made a highway through  
Some may see a mountain  
But we've seen a mountain move  
Some may see a graveyard  
But we've seen His empty tomb  
Some may see a battle  
But I know

### Bridge

Reignite us reawaken  
Breath of God come breathe again  
Like the dry bones started shaking  
All that died will live again  
Oh the miracle You're making  
The beginning not the end  
Eternity is waiting  
To see Your Church alive again

### Ending

Jesus You are my miracle  
You are my miracle