

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

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

*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

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

*Music As We Leave

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), 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