

Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

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Our Service of Worship

November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude Music

"Threads of Love"

By Lorie Line

Gary Afdahl

"To God Be the Glory"

Arr. By Andrae Crouch - One License Song # 94978, One License # A-740865

Ring 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

"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Lyric Sheet, HFG #337, vs. 1-4

An Opening Prayer (*spoken together*)

by Rev. Adam Hamilton

Lord, help me not only to know your commandments but to live them. Help me to have no other gods before you; help me, that I might not worship anything but you. Help me to hallow your name and not profane it. May I be still, listen, and rest with you on the Sabbath. Make me a blessing to my parents. Help me not to hate or hurt others. Help me to be faithful to my spouse in my thoughts, words, and deeds. Help me not to take what isn't mine or to speak falsely of others, and teach me to be content with what I have. In other words, O Lord, help me to love you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love my neighbor as I love myself. As you inscribed the commands on stone tablets, I pray you might inscribe your commands on my heart. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:17, Romans 7:7b-8

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:25, 33

A Gift of Music

"I Will Follow"

JC Rock

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

We Learn from God's Word

"Be Content in Christ"

Pastor Bryan Olson

Living the Ten Message Series

*A Hymn of Faith

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Lyric Sheet, HFG #98, 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.)

Offertory Response

"Offering"

Lyric Sheet

By Paul Baloche - CCLI Song # 3956562, CCLI License # 1913200

A Time to Recognize, Thank, and Offer A Blessing for the Ministry of Gary Afdahl

A Solo

"I'm Available to You"

Muconjae Herron

By Carlis L. Moody - CCLI Song # 64595, CCLI License # 1913200

A Choral Anthem

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

Chancel Choir

By John Fawcett, Public Domain

A Song of Faith

"The Power of Your Love"

Gary Afdahl and JC Rock

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

*A Closing Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Lyric Sheet, NCH #76, vs. 1-2

An Expression of Gratitude and Prayer of Blessing

We Go Out to Live and Serve

*Benediction

*Music As We Leave

"God is Good All the Time"

JC Rock

By Don Moen, Paul Overstreet - CCLI Song # 1729073, CCLI License # 1913200

NEXT STEPS...

- Be content in Christ and resist the desire to covet what others have by living a life of generosity, gratitude, and love.
- Stay for the reception in the Gathering Room following worship to continue the celebration of Gary Afdahl's ministry and to wish him well in his retirement.
- Assist the Women's Fellowship in packaging and preparing the **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes for shipping on **Tuesday, November 19th at 10 am** in the Fellowship Hall.
- Make plans to be at CGUCC on **Sunday, November 24th** for a fun and jolly **Advent Festival** following worship (11:30 am-1:00 pm)! There will be two Advent/Christmas crafts for the kids to do and take home to celebrate this special season. We will also decorate the sanctuary and church while listening to and enjoying a variety of Christmas music. Everyone will then get to enjoy a delicious meal of pizza, salad, beverages, and dessert, and top off the event by decorating a Christmas cookie or two to take home or enjoy right away!
- 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).

