

# Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

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## Our Service of Worship

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

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

*"Prelude in A Minor"*

By Johann Sebastian Bach - One License Song # 1032218, One License # A-740865

Hannah Hite

*"There Is None Like You"*

By Lenny LeBlanc - CCLI Song # 674545, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

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"*

By Brian Doerksen - CCLI Song # 2430948, CCLI License # 1913200

Lyric Sheet

### A Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*spoken together*)

***Blessed Jesus, our Messiah, you always make a place at your table for those who trust in you. Your heavenly welcome is gracious, your hospitality complete. We confess that we are hypocrites, failing to practice what we preach. We do good deeds to be seen by others, but perform sinful actions in private. We love to have the place of honor at social gatherings, and to be greeted with respect in public, but we fail miserably when we are asked to give praise to others or to practice hospitality. Forgive us, Lord, renew our lives, and inspire us to follow you in welcoming and serving others. Amen.***

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words on Screen

A Response of Praise

*"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"*

By Rick Founds - CCLI Song # 117947, CCLI License # 1913200

Lyric Sheet

### We Listen for God's Word

Gospel Reading

Luke 7:36-50

The Gift of Music

*"To the Table"*

By Jonathan Smith, Tony Wood, Zach Williams - CCLI Song # 7055780, CCLI License # 1913200

Hannah Hite

We Learn from God's Word

*"Finding You Have a Place at the Table"*  
*Meeting Jesus at the Table* Message Series

Pastor Bryan Olson

\*A Song of Faith

*"My Life is in You"*

By Daniel Gardner - CCLI Song # 17315, CCLI License # 1913200

Lyric Sheet

### 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

*"Give Thanks"*

By Henry Smith - CCLI Song # 20285, CCLI License # 1913200

Lyric Sheet

### 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 Song As We Part

*"I Stand In Awe"*

By Mark Altrogge - CCLI Song # 23914, CCLI License # 1913200

Lyric Sheet

\*We Receive A Blessing

\*Music As We Leave

*"Glory to God Forever"*

By Steve Fee, Vicky Beeching - CCLI Song # 5384338, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

### NEXT STEPS...

- Remember that you always have a place at Christ's table of grace and love and so do all God's children.
- Attend the **Potluck and Bingo** food and fellowship event following worship **TODAY, March 23rd!**
- Take the **Lenten Gospel Reading Challenge** and read and study the Gospel of John with Pastor Bryan and other members and friends of CGUCC during the 40 days of Lent.
- Mark your calendars and make plans to attend worship at Cottage Grove UCC this Holy Week and Easter: **Palm Sunday Worship and Brunch** (April 13 - 10:15 am); **Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Worship** (April 17 - 7:00 pm); **Easter Worship** (April 20 - 8:30 am and 10:15 am). Please invite your family and friends to join you.
- Sign-up to bring coffee cakes, muffins, or sweet breads* for the **Palm Sunday Brunch** on **April 13th** following worship.
- 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).

