

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

Independence Day 9:45 a.m. July 4, 2021

Prelude Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Hymn *"This Is My Song"* #591, Black Hymnal

A Litany for the United States of America

One: O God our Sovereign, bless our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves, living together justly, and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Many: O God, keep this nation under your care.

One: Help us to face the past with courage, to confess where we have fallen short as well as celebrate where we have triumphed, so together we may face the present with wisdom and the future with hope.

Many: In your truth and grace, O God.

One: Bless also the leaders of our land: To all who have executive authority and to all who have administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Many: Give grace to your servants, O God.

One: To those who make our laws give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Many: Give grace to your servants, O God.

One: To the judges and officers of our courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Many: Give grace to your servants, O God.

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One: And finally, teach us to accept our responsibilities to all the members of our communities, that those who are afforded the right may elect trustworthy leaders, that we may all hold those leaders to a high standard and critique them when they fall short, and so altogether may we make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy name.

ALL: We look to you above every human authority, O God, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture *Micah 4:1-5*

Poem *"The Hill We Climb" by Amanda Gorman*

Anthem *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

Holy Communion See Insert

Call for Offering

Hymn *"How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies"* #594, Black Hymnal

Announcements

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude