

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 a.m.

July 18, 2021

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23)

One: As God is our shepherd, we need nothing else.

Many: **We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters, which renews and refreshes our spirits.**

One: God guides us along paths of righteousness

Many: **And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are not afraid. The shepherd's staff comforts us.**

One: God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our enemies. There, we're anointed with oil and our cup overflows.

Many: **Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us as long as we dwell in the house of God.**

*Hymn

"Creator God, Creating Still"

#278, Black Hymnal

Morning Prayer (unison)

Caring and Gracious God, you gather us together today to celebrate with grateful thanksgiving the community in which we live. We are nourished by its diversity, brought by the unique gifts each person contributes. Be with us in this time of worship so that it may be a reminder of the joy that comes when all will be one in you. Amen.

Call for Offering

Anthem

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost! Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Thank you, God, for the ministries of the people of your church. Thank you for the bounty of your blessings you have poured out upon us. We have taken a portion of our abundance and given it to you in grateful thanksgiving. May it help to support the ministries of this church that will dismantle walls that divide us. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 35:4-21

Sermon

"Explorers"

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Hymn

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

#393, Black Hymnal

Announcements

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude

*As you are comfortably able, please rise in body and Spirit