

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

21st Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

October 17, 2021

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship *(Based on Mark 10:35-45)*

One: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

Many: But Jesus asks us: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

One: The cup of Jesus' own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life!

We may come here to get close to Jesus,

Many: And Jesus asks us: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"

One: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships!

We may come here for honor or fame,

Many: But Jesus challenges us: "To become great you must serve!"

One: Why are we here?

Many: To drink the cup of fullness of life; to immerse ourselves in Jesus' struggle for justice and peace; to learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

Morning Prayer *(Based on Ps 91:9-16; Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c)*

Holy Dwelling Place, Your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you, food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus' cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Shelter us with your light, and clothe us with your heavenly garments. Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another on this daring adventure. 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

Loving God, may this offering assist us in continuing Christ's work in the world to heal the grief, transgressions, and illnesses that oppress and harm your creation. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:35-45

Sermon

"The Upside-Down World of Jesus"

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.

Announcements

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude