

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

October 31, 2021

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Creator God, you are the Love that gives us life.

Many: You shower us with love, and we worship you.

One: Loving Christ, you give us the love with which we love God.

Many: You fill us with love, and we thank you.

One: Holy Spirit, you are the Love with which we love others.

Many: You grace us with love, and we serve you with joy. Alleluia!

Morning Prayer

God of love, you who create us in love and call us to love: we earnestly desire to love you with our whole hearts, our whole souls, our whole minds, and all our strength. Help us to love you and to love our neighbor, not by our own will but by your grace, your infinite love in us. We pray in the name of our Teacher, our Beloved, Jesus. 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

Thank you, O God, for the gifts of your people. Helps us that we rely not on our own understanding in the use of these gifts, but to seek your wisdom. Knowing that as we do, your will be revealed and your people near and far will be blessed. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:28-34

Sermon

“The Stories We Love to Tell”

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