

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

10:00 a.m.

January 30, 2022

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: O God of Change and Stillness, of Wounds and Repair,

Many: in you we find our sense of balance – a place to land and to breathe.

One: May we grow our attention towards that which gives life,

Many: and cultivate connections of community and care.

One: May grace touch all that changes us,

Many: and all that we hold unfold with peace.

One: May we gather in this space claiming grace as our birthright,

Many: and bring with us the gifts of service and compassion.

One: Today let us come together to transform ourselves to transform the world,

Many: and move like living water – ever adapting, ever faithful, ever full of all that can be. Amen.

Morning Prayer

You who created us and who sustains us: We come with thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for your voice. Create a spirit within us that truly draws us toward you and toward all our siblings in creation: a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle, and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts, and touch us with your presence and your power. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our friend and our Savior. 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

O God of loaves and fishes, of bread and of wine, we bring before you our diversity of gifts, knowing that they will be multiplied for the benefit of many. God of resurrection, who makes all things new, accept our offering to both give and receive, trusting that there is abundance in togetherness, and generosity in you. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 16:1-5

Sermon

“It is Better to Receive than to Give”

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

REMINDER: Annual Meeting immediately follows worship