

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

5th Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m.

April 3, 2022

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Family of God, we gather as who we are, and we bring what we have.

Many: **Let us encounter the new thing God is doing among us.**

One: We bring joy and sorrow, hope and despair, resources and need, certainty and questions.

Many: **Let us engage the new thing God is doing among us.**

One: In this space, we meet the One who parts seas, creates paths, and changes circumstances.

Many: **Let us encourage the new thing God is doing among us.**

*Hymn *"We Are Salt for the Earth, O People"* #181, Black Hymnal

*Morning Prayer (unison)

Holy One, we rejoice in your presence. We acknowledge that you have done great things in our history, in our present, and in our future. Our hope rests in you. We rejoice in confidence that you abide in our dry spaces and in our flowing streams. Lead us through troubling times and empower us to continue to press toward you and your ways. In our worship, part our lips in praise, open our hearts in love, and quench our spirits. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Call for Offering and 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)

Anoint these gifts, Generous God, that they may fulfill their purpose. Through the pouring out of our financial resources, unique passions and skills, and faithful companionship with our community, may we impart hope, render joy, and participate in your Kingdom. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:18-21

Translation by Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney

Sermon

"Weeds and Pests"

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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The United Church of Christ practices an open Communion Table. That means you do not have to be a part of this worshipping community or any worshipping community to share in the sacrament. If you prefer to receive at your seat, simply raise your hand and it will be brought to you.

*Hymn *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"* #347, Black Hymnal

Announcements

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

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