

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

Ascension Sunday

10:00 a.m.

May 29, 2022

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Holy One, Heart of Heaven, your grace enfolds us. Your Word creates us, and we rejoice in you.

Many: **You are in us, and we are in you.**

One: Risen Christ, you reign over us in love, and with grace you embrace us.

Many: **You are in us, and we are in you.**

One: Holy Spirit, you live in each of us, giving us one shared life. With your people in all nations and traditions, languages and lifestyles, we are one. And we praise you as one people.

Many: **Alleluia! You are in us, and we are in you. Come, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

***Hymn**

"Now Is the Time Approaching"

#609, Black Hymnal

***Morning Prayer** (unison)

Eternal God, you sent us Christ who lived among us, located in time and space. Give us faith to behold in every time and place Christ, whose love raises us from death, whose presence gives us life. Resurrecting God, lead us onward. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

Call for Offering

Anthem

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" Howe, Steffe, Ringwald

Senior Choir

***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)

Gracious God, we give you our lives, symbolized in these gifts. Receive them with love, bless them with grace and use them according to your will. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Translation by Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney

Sermon

"Is This the Time?"

Joys/Concerns/Requests for Prayers

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

***Hymn**

"God, We Thank You for Our People"

#376, Black Hymnal

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude

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