

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

6th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

July 17, 2022

Prelude Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship (based on Exodus 34:6)

One: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Many: **We have gathered to hear the story of God and God's people.**

One: It is our story of God's mercy and steadfast love.

Many: **It is our story, for we are God's people.**

ALL: **Inspire us, our God, to faithfulness, to mercy, to steadfast love. Let us become a people who reflect your image.**

***Hymn** *"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"* #400, Black Hymnal

***Morning Prayer** (unison)

Creator and Sustainer, 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 our neighbors: a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle, and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts, and touch us with your presence and your power. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

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** (unison)

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, and open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 6:14-20

Translation by Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney

Sermon

A Letter Home

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** *"We Love Your Realm, O God"* #312, Black Hymnal

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude

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