

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

August 14, 2022

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: In a world uprooted at every turn, come beloved of God for replanting.

Many: **Our hope and weariness are mixed together, yet we come, trusting ancient promises.**

One: The Holy One who led the people out of Egypt, yearns to lead us, too.

Many: **God will not rest until all are rooted, restored, and renewed for rejoicing.**

One: Let us be joined to God's song of justice, bearing beauty into the life of the world.

Many: **May our lives be formed for faithfulness by the One who is always faithful.**

***Hymn**

"God's Eye Is on the Sparrow"

#475, Black Hymnal

***Morning Prayer** (unison)

Gracious God, form a new song of soul within us. Take every fragment of our lives and fashion a new creation. Plant us deep in the soil of your love, that your living water might rise in us, forming a fruit of possibility unimaginable on our own. Grant us grace to trust your promised presence already meeting us here, now, and always. By this, gift us with new strength of heart for whatever your love demands. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

Towards the Camera: "The Peace of Christ Be With You!"

Towards one another: "And with you!"

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)

We thank you, Loving God, that sourness gives way to sweetness when we answer your call to be generous. Multiply these gifts and your spirit in us, that the world may know your life-giving will and way. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Translation by Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney

Sermon

"Early Stages"

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

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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.

Announcements

***Hymn**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#436, Black Hymnal

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude

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