

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

14th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

September 11, 2022

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Come, Beloved of God, the blistering wind of life is not the end.

Many: May the eye of the storm still us into wholeness and hope.

One: May the wind of God turn us around toward trust in Holy promises.

Many: May our promises to God be pressed anew into our hearts and minds.

One: May everything of excess be released and refined for Love's good work.

Many: May God's vision of a world made new arise from God's wind in and through us.

***Hymn**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#28, Black Hymnal

***Morning Prayer** (Remembering 9/11)

O Holy Wind of God, sweep through our lives. Pause us into your presence, slowing our breathless pace. Refine in a us a renewed willingness to bear gracious goodness into the chaos of the world. Let our memories of this day call forth an alternative to the easy response of violence for violence. Form instead a steady commitment to return love in the face of fear, hope in the midst of despair, and mercy for every brokenness of the world's design. By this, form anew the heart and mind of Christ in us, here, now today. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

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

Towards one another: "And with you!"

Call for Offering

Anthem

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)

Generous God, we dedicate these gifts that have been shared for the fortification of the beloved community. Let these gifts do justice in the world. Let them be a sign of our belief in the God who saves, heals, and sets free. Amen.

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

Translation by Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney

Sermon

First Day of School

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**

"Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year"

#431, Black Hymnal

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude

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