

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

September 4, 2022

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship (based on Micah 6:6-8)

One: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

Many: **Shall we come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?**

One: God has showed you, O people, what is good; and what does the Holy One require of you?

Many: **To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

***Hymn**

“As We Gather at Your Table”

#332, Black Hymnal

***Morning Prayer** (unison)

Gracious God, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness, you have brought us forth from the womb of your being and breathed into us the breath of life. We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you. Feed our deep hungers with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ. May Jesus’ promise, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them,” be fulfilled in us. Make us a joyful company of your people so that with the faithful in every place and time we may praise and honor you, God Most High. 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)

Holy Giver of all Gifts, we thank you for this opportunity to share our gifts and participate in the various ministries you’ve placed before this faith community. Bless these monies and each one of us as we go back out to continue your work in the world. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:14-23

Translation by Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney

Sermon

“Tuning”

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**

“There is a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

#23, Black Hymnal

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude

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