

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

October 23, 2022

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: This is a time of good rain, early and abundant, that renews and does not flood.

Many: We are the gatherers of all that nourishes body and soul, for we work among a harvest of possibility.

One: It is a time of good trouble, bringing justice without violence, a time of an unexpected spirit bringing new words and understandings.

Many: We receive and share God's spirit in abundant ways.

***Hymn** *"Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God"* #287, Black Hymnal

***Morning Prayer** (unison)

God, as we gather to worship and pray, our hands are out, expecting love so wide it seeps through our fingers. We hold only what we share. We receive only what is shared with us – worship blessings, life blessings, surprising blessings. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

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

Towards one another: "And with all of you!"

Stewardship Moment

Richard Harding

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)

God, you who have everything, we bring our offering and enter your spirit. This is your generosity to us – we can share with you in the giving and receiving of gifts. May these be blessed for each use, and may we be blessed by letting go plenty and learning need. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 7:37-44

Translation by Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney

Sermon

Water from the Whitewater River

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**

"Joys Are Flowing like a River"

#284, Black Hymnal

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude

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