

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

All Saint's Sunday

10:00 a.m.

October 30, 2022

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

Many: **May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.**

One: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

Many: **In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.**

One: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

Many: **And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.**

*Hymn

Amazing Grace

#547, Black Hymnal

*Morning Prayer (unison)

God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting a new energy to offer you everything of our hearts, minds, and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in this. And let it be more than enough for today, as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

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

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

Junior Choir

'In This Very Room' and 'Every Time I Hear the Spirit'

Call for Offering

Anthem

'Fairest Lord Jesus' arr. J. Rasley

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

O Giver of Life, continue to form in us a transparent spirit that by our giving and our living others may discover you. Reshape our priority and grant us a willing vision to see and respond to those hidden saints who reveal something of you in the least likely ways and in the most surprising places. Thank you for calling us into a life such as this and bless these gifts that they may bless others. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:1, 4a, 6-10a

Reflection

Wisdom in the Midst of Grief

Ritual of Remembering

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The tall candle on the altar is for a member of 1st Congregational we have lost in the last year. The smaller candles are for the friends and family members we have lost in the last year. When invited, you are welcome to come forward to light a candle for someone you have lost at any point in your life and take a stone as a symbol of remembrance.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Hymn

Giver of Life, Where'er They Be

#603, Black Hymnal

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude

'All Saints, All Souls'

*Please rise in Body/Spirit as you are comfortably able