

# First Congregational Church of Winona

*United Church of Christ*

Baptism of Christ Sunday

10:00 a.m.

January 15, 2023

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**Prelude**

Sandy Todd

**Invitation to Worship**

Rev. Danielle Bartz

**Chimes**

**Call to Worship**

One: In the beginning when God began to create, the world was formless and void, and the Spirit of God brooded over the waters.

**Many: The voice of the Holy One is over the waters.**

One: And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

**Many: The light was the life of all beings.**

One: The Spirit like a dove descends upon us.

**Many: O God, we worship you. We serve you. We trust you.**

**\*Hymn**

*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

#597, Black Hymnal

**\*Morning Prayer**

**Gracious God, as Jesus waded out into the Jordan and was baptized, we wade into your Word; we immerse ourselves in your presence, we bathe ourselves in your voice. May the heavens open to us as we listen and receive. May your Spirit descend upon us. May we hear your voice, and be transformed in order to do your will, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**\*Passing the Peace**

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

Towards one another: "And with all of 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)

**Gracious God, we give you our lives, symbolized in our gifts. Receive them with love, bless them with grace and use them according to your will. Lead us always into the depths of your love, into the flowing stream of your Spirit, into the clear waters of discernment, and into the world to serve, in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

*Matthew 3:13-17*

**Sermon**

*'On Rivers and Dew'*

**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**

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**\*Hymn**

*"What Ruler Wades through Murky Streams"*

#169, Black Hymnal

**Benediction and Blessings**

**Chimes**

**Postlude**

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