

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

2nd Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m.

March 5, 2023

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: What is it like to begin again?

Many: **It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.**

It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.

It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.

It is like Sunday morning, starting our week anew.

One: May we find God in our seeking.

Many: **May we learn as we go.**

One: May we be brave enough to begin again.

Many: **Let us worship the God of new beginnings.**

***Hymn**

"Come Forth, O Love Divine"

#289, Black Hymnal

***Morning Prayer** (unison)

Holy God, we come to you today with our biggest questions: Who are we called to be?

What do you need from us? Where are you in our midst? How can we follow you more clearly? As we read your Word today, we ask that you would weave answers into the text. Speak to us through these ancient stories that we might find what we are seeking in you. With gratitude and open hearts we pray, 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)

O God who calls us to go out into the world with generosity, may these gifts call us from our lives of comfort and towards a faith journey that embraces your love, justice, and compassion for a world in need of your healing. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

Sermon

'Seeking: How do we begin again?'

Joys/Concerns/Requests for Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Announcements

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***Hymn**

"Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"

#329, Black Hymnal

***Affirmation of Faith**

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Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude

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