

# First Congregational Church of Winona

*United Church of Christ*

Creation Care Sunday

10:00 a.m.

April 21, 2024

*"Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike." – John Muir*

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Morning has broken!

Many: **We gather to greet the new day by praising God.**

One: God created us for relationship with God, one another, and the earth.

Many: **Let us honor those relationships today and every day.**

One: May we commit to new ways of honoring your Creation as a means of sharing Jesus's transforming love,

Many: **And let us seek God's grace, justice, and mercy for all. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*"Morning Has Broken"*

Red Hymnal, #38

\*Morning Prayer (unison)

**Creator God, we give you thanks for the great abundance and nourishment you provide us through your Creation and through your great love. As we come together to worship you, reveal to us ways we can honor you and your created world. Inspire our worship and shape our lives to reveal your magnificence. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

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

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

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

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, thank you for the ways you care for and protect us. With these gifts we return to you, help us care for others in our community and around the world. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

*Psalm 148*

Sermon

*"An Act of Faith"*

Prayer Requests and 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

*"O How Glorious, Full of Wonder"*

Black Hymnal, #558

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude

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