

# First Congregational Church of Winona

*United Church of Christ*

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

September 19, 2021

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## Prelude

Nancy Bachler

## Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

## Chimes

## Call to Worship

One: We gather as a community of people, each with our unique stories.

**Many: For our shared and individual experiences, we give God thanks.**

One: We gather as a community of people, eager to learn God's ways.

**Many: For the wisdom we learn from one another, we give God thanks.**

One: We gather as a community of people, striving to create a world filled with love.

**Many: For this shared hope, we give God thanks.**

One: We gather as God's community.

## Morning Prayer

God of All People, we gather today to worship you by hearing stories and reflecting on our own. As we do this, we pray that you will open our hearts to hear your truth spoken by voices both familiar and new. May you give us the courage to learn, to grow, and to seek justice, all while leaning on the promise of your grace. May our worship this morning be blessed. Amen.

## Call for Offering

## Anthem

## 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

Abundant God, may these gifts, given with grateful hearts, be used to bring honor and glory to you. May they further your kingdom of peace, justice, and love. With grateful hearts for all the ways we can serve you, we pray. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

*Mark 9:30-37*

## Sermon

*"A Sacred Conversation"*

Jerry Locula and Rev. Danielle Bartz

## 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

## Benediction and Blessings

## Chimes

## Postlude

**\*Please join Pastor Danielle and Jerry at Noon for a special 1<sup>st</sup> Congo Convo to reflect on today's worship service. That conversation will be held over Zoom.**