

# First Congregational Church of Winona

*United Church of Christ*

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

10:00 a.m.

November 14, 2021

*"If I affirm that the universe was created by a power of love and that all creation is good, I am not proclaiming safety. Safety was never part of the promise. Creativity, yes; safety no. All creativity is dangerous." - Madeleine L'Engle*

## Prelude

Sandy Todd

## Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

## Chimes

### Call to Worship *(Based on Hebrews 10:22-25)*

One: Come into this time of worship by the new and living way of Christ Jesus.

Many: **We come with true hearts in full assurance of our faith.**

One: Come with joyful expectation.

Many: **We gather in full confidence of the gospel's promise.**

One: Let us praise God together and open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit

Many: **That we may encourage and support each other to love our neighbors as ourselves and to be God's instruments of grace.**

### Morning Prayer

In you, O God, we find refuge from our turbulent world. We work each day to bear witness to your justice through our ministries. While the journey towards true peace that lies ahead is long, our incremental steps continue to take us closer to that promised day. Renew in us the strength, faith, and courage we need to persevere so that the promised day will come when your will is done on earth as it is in heaven. 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

We return a portion of what we have received from you, O God, in gratitude for all that you have bestowed upon us. Bless this offering. Grant that it may continue to sustain and support the ministries of this church to bring the light of Christ into this community and the world beyond. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

*Mark 13:1-8*

## Sermon

*"Pull Back the Veil"*

## 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