

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

All Saint's Sunday

10:00 a.m.

November 7, 2021

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: We gather today to remember and honor the saints who have gone before us: both famous and historic saints, and ordinary, personal saints.

Many: We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.

One: We gather today as bereaved and grieving people, as hopeful and healing people.

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One: We gather today to proclaim once again the mysteries of faith and our faith in the God of Mystery.

Many: We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.

One: We stand at the threshold of life and death, pulling back the veil between heaven and earth.

Many: We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.

One: Come, let us gather for worship surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, those who have run the course before us and through whom God's light has shone.

Many: May we worship the God of life and love with our hearts and minds and bodies this day.

Morning Prayer

God of light and love and laughter, we proclaim what we cannot fully understand: that those we love are not lost to us or forgotten by you, but are joined together in the mystical Body of Christ. May the truth of this mystery grant us grace and joy and peace. Amen.

Call for Offering

Anthem

"Reflection on Londonderry Air"

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

God of all creation, breathe your life-giving upon these gifts that they may be a blessing to all flesh. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 11:32-44

Reflection

"Jesus Wept"

Ritual of Remembering

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The tall candles are those members of 1st Congregational we have lost in the last year. The smaller candles are for the friends and family members we have lost. Each tealight represents 250,000 people who have died of COVID-19 globally.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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The Communion elements can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary. We will partake of them together. The bread is gluten-free and it is juice. Please be sure to dispose of the packaging following worship.

Announcements

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude

"All Saints, All Souls"