

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

2nd Sunday after Christmas

10:00 a.m.

January 2, 2022

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Karin Sonneman

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: God's goodness is built into the foundation of Creation! God chose us in Christ from the beginning. God calls us blameless, holy, and loved.

Many: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

One: God has made an eternal promise to gather all things. God will reconcile all things on earth and heaven in the fullness of time.

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One: In Jesus Christ we have heard the word of Truth. In the Holy Spirit breathed on us and diverse peoples throughout the world, God's promise has been sealed.

Many: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

Morning Prayer

O Christmas God – the tinsel falls, the year turns, and the carols fade. The blessings of Bethlehem that touched all the gray in our lives with star silver is past. We read that the holy child grew and became strong and God's favor was with him. In this string of nameless days we long for just such steady becoming – for renewal amid the routine, for courage in current events, for the assurance of God's presence beyond our holidays and into the wintering times of our lives. 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

Most wise and wondrous God, we pray that soon and very soon your blessings will cover the face of the earth like a mist, that divine offerings and the offerings of human hands mingle imperceptibly as every need is satisfied. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon

Jerry Locula

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.

Hymn

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

#128, Black Hymnal

Announcements

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude