

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

4th Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m.

March 27, 2022

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 32)

One: Happy are those who experience the grace of God

Many: Who find forgiveness and mercy from the Holy One.

One: Happy are those who experience the steadfast love of God

Many: Who find peace even in times of trial.

One: Happy are those who experience rest in God

Many: Who find sabbath to renew their spirit.

***Hymn**

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

#459, Black Hymnal

***Morning Prayer** (unison)

Holy God, Holy Renewal: After times of broken relationships, painful injustices, and feeling deserted, we enter this season yearning for restoration and your comforting grace. In this time of wilderness and reflection, we evaluate the relationships between us and our neighbors. Fill our weary souls with hope. Lead us on roads of renewal, and focus our minds as we ponder our calling in your realm. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

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** (unison)

Loving God, with gratitude we celebrate the offerings we share with you and this community today. May they enliven our spirits, building excitement around us, and create a culture of giving. Open us to new possibilities for using our gifts to build the dignity of all and to strengthen our neighborhoods. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-12

Translation by Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney

Sermon

"They Know we are Christian by Our..."

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**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

#286, Black Hymnal

Announcements

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude

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