

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

First Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m.

March 6, 2022

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Creator God, you gathered dust from the earth and breathed into it, and it became a living being.

Many: Breathe your Spirit into us now, and give us life.

One: Beloved Christ, you went into the desert for forty day and wrestled with your temptations.

Many: Lead us into the wilderness of our hearts, and help us confront all that keeps us from you.

One: Holy Spirit, you are the Breath of Life; you are our companion in the wilderness.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, breathe life into us, lead us in truth, and transform us by your grace. Amen.

Morning Prayer

God of love, we do not live by bread alone, but by the Word of love you give to us as a gift. Give us faith to receive your grace. We cannot protect ourselves from suffering; give us courage to risk hurt for the sake of love and justice. We do not need the glory of the world: we are your Beloved. Help us to trust, and to live in harmony with your grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, 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

Generous God, we share our gratitude for all of our fruits – from our possessions to knowledge and from our time to abilities. May our ‘best’ be something that we do not hoard but that we freely give away. As we embrace this season of fasting and reflection, may we recognize the best of our talents, treasures, and time and share with God and neighbor. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:7-9, 15-25

Sermon

“Beloved Is Where We Begin”

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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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