

First Congregational Church of Winona

United Church of Christ

4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

May 8, 2022

Prelude

Sandy Todd

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Danielle Bartz

Chimes

Call to Worship (based on Revelation 7:9-16)

One: We gather once more as a great multitude. From various people and places,
we've come

Many: **Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving; honor and power
be to our God.**

One: We gather once more to shout "Alleluia!"

Many: **Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving; honor and power
be to our God.**

One: We gather to worship day and night the One who guides us to springs of life.

Many: **Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving; honor and power
be to our God.**

*Hymn

"God, When I Came into This Life"

#354, Black Hymnal

*Morning Prayer (unison)

God of grace, when we are lost you give us direction. When we are defeated you give us courage. When we are weak you give us strength. Come to the place in our hearts where we are in need, and take our hand, and raise us up with your Word. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Call for Offering and 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)

We dedicate these gifts that have been shared for the fortification of the beloved community. Let these gifts do justice in the world. Let them be a sign of our belief in the God who saves, heals, and sets free. Let these gifts, and the works of our hands and feet, be a blessing to all in need. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Translation by Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney

Sermon

"We Need to Talk about Bruno"

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 United Church of Christ practices an open Communion Table. That means you do not have to be a part of this worshipping community or any worshipping community to share in the sacrament. If you prefer to receive at your seat, simply raise your hand and it will be brought to you.

*Hymn

"I Come with Joy"

#349, Black Hymnal

Announcements

Benediction and Blessings

Chimes

Postlude

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