

God loves all people. So do we.



We are a community of faith seeking to provide nourishment for the hungers of life, and we welcome all persons, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability or circumstances of life. Welcome to White Bear Lake United Methodist Church.

Traditions worship

9am Service | Communion Sunday | February 16, 2020

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS | + PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

WORDS FOR MEDITATION
“Only when you accept that one day you’ll die can you let go, and make the best out of life. And that’s the big secret. That’s the miracle.”
~ Gabriel Bá

“When I come to die, give me companions: cheerful, practical, able to walk the edge with me and look me in the eye. Until that time, grant me to use fully each day, each hour, open-hearted, knowing your love, savoring.”
~ Janet Morley

WORSHIP NOTES

Abide With Me
Abide with me;
fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens;
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail
and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
O abide with me.

PRELUDE	“Winter Waltz” “Abide With Me”	Jim Brickman Jay Ruse
WELCOME		
CALL TO WORSHIP	“Cornerstone” Chancel Choir	Shawn Kirchner

+ OPENING WORDS (responsively)
Holy God, we have come here to thank you for the sacredness of life.
And for the presence of those we love and the memory of those we remember.
God who is love, we thank you for the life of those who have passed on into eternity.
And we remember the blessings of those who gave us nurture, support, wisdom, opportunity, friendship and love.
We believe that love is as strong as death.
And death does not have the final word.
Gift-giving God, those who have gone ahead of us touch us across the distance by the various gifts they have left behind for us.
Keeper and healer of memories, transform these memories into sustenance and healing for our spirit.
We are a Resurrection People who carry on with our journey, strengthened by your love and our love for one another.
Christ gives us the grace to hallow life’s span with love for you and love for each other in this journey of life.

WBLUMC WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 16
9am—Traditions worship; Sunday School & nursery
10am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall
10-10:45am—Voter registration, narthex
10:10-10:25am—Children’s Choir rehearsal, room 205
10:45am—New Crossings worship; Sunday School & nursery

Monday, Feb. 17: Closed on President’s Day
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206
11am-1:30pm—Women’s SOS meeting, library
7-8:30pm—Hearts & Hands knitting group, library

Tuesday, Feb. 18
7-8:30am—Board of Directors meeting, Anchor Coffee
10:30am-noon—Staff meeting, room 206
12:30-1:45pm—Faith in Action meeting, Library
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 19
1-2:30pm—Prayer Team meeting, prayer room
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
6-6:30pm—Tween/Teen Choir, room 205
6:30pm—Children & Youth activities
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Feb. 20
7:10am—Men’s breakfast group, library
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA group, room 107

Friday, Feb. 21
No scheduled activities; office is closed.

Saturday, Feb. 22
7:30am—Men’s prayer group, room 107
9am-7pm—Knutson family reception, Fellowship Hall
9am—WBL Saturday morning women’s AA group, 107/206

Sunday, Feb. 23: Fat Sunday
9am—Traditions worship; Sunday School & nursery
10am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall
10-10:45am—General Conference volunteer signup, narthex
10:10-10:25am—Children’s Choir rehearsal, room 205
10:45am—New Crossings worship; Sunday School & nursery

Monday, Feb. 24
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206
7-8:30pm—Conference preparation meeting, room 200

Tuesday, Feb. 18
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall

WHITE BEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to provide nourishment for the hungers of life.

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Sundays: 9am to 12pm; **Mondays-Thursdays:** 9am to 3pm;
Fridays: Closed

SUNDAY BULLETIN/WEEKLY E-BLAST

Please email all pertinent information to office@wblumc.org by **1pm Tuesday** for the Sunday bulletin and **10am Wednesday** for the weekly e-blast. All information is subject to staff approval. Get sermon podcasts, 9am bulletin PDFs, calendar and programming information at wblumc.org.

WBLUMC STAFF

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PRAYER AT WBLUMC

One way our church helps nourish and support the hungers of life is through prayer. If you have a special need or celebration that could use extra care, we invite you to partake in one of these prayer avenues. If your spirit has the need to support others through prayer, we invite you to join in one of the teams.

The Prayer Team: If you would like to request a prayer from this team, please write it on a prayer request card or email Dave Hegdahl at shgdahl2@comcast.net.

The Email Prayer Chain accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, rondalauva2@msn.com



WORSHIP
NOTES

About the opening hymn

Author Charles Wesley was the great hymn-writer of the Wesley family — perhaps, taking quantity and quality into consideration, the great hymn-writer of all ages. Charles Wesley was the youngest son and 18th child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley.

About today's unison prayer

Today's unison prayer is adapted from the traditional words of the Methodist funeral liturgy.

About today's scripture

The question addressed to Jesus in today's scripture reading is not ultimately about marriage but about the afterlife and the nature of individual existence in it. As he often did, Jesus shifted the focus of the conversation to this life.

+ OPENING HYMN “Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above” No. 709
1, 2 & 5

UNISON PRAYER

God who gave us birth: Speak to us your solemn message of life and death.

Help us to live as those who are prepared to die.

And when our days here are ended, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be complete in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM “Give Thanks”
Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the children's message, children and youth through 12th grade will leave for Sunday School.

MORNING 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:18-27 Reader: Julie Jacot

Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that ‘if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.’ There were seven brothers; the first married and, when he died, left no children; and the second married her and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; none of the seven left children. Last of all the woman herself died. In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Is not this the reason you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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About the hymn

The text for the hymn comes from Sleeth’s pondering the opposition of Spring and Winter, as well as the opposition in a line found in a T.S. Elliott poem: “In the end is our beginning.”

About the composer

Haugen has written several liturgical settings for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, including “Now the Feast” and “Celebration,” which was written in collaboration with campus pastors at Pacific Lutheran University.

MESSAGE Elephants in the Room: Death Pastor Bill Eaves

+ HYMN “Hymn of Promise” No. 707

CONNECTION CARDS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING “Homeward Bound” Words & Music by Marta Keen
Chancel Choir

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

God is with us! **We are not alone!**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

We will receive communion by intinction — dipping the bread into the cup so as to take them together. Individual and gluten-free servings are available at the table. We serve communion at an open table — you are welcome to participate as you choose.

COMMUNION MUSIC “Now the Feast and Celebration” Marty Haugen
Vocal solo, Meagan Seubert

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts.

We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE “Prelude in D” J.S. Bach