

## Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God

There is a dimness that has seemed to settle into culture if you've bumped into the popular talk on the street. In contrast, this writing is not at all about dimness, but instead it's concerned with our culture living brightly. How absolutely perfect to imagine Light when we have been given the longest days and tilt our heads toward inked skies to catch soaring fireworks. Perhaps this tune will turn our thoughts.

*Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?*

If you've been around the church, you most likely sing out "Here I Am" like some sort of grace-breathed mantra. A young Dan Schutte living in Berkeley felt this grace infused too when he was asked to write a song to be presented at an ordination scheduled in 3 days as a favor. Dan was sniffing with a giant case of the flu and the tight timeline, but wanted to be a friend. That is where a simple prayer enters the song's history. Dan asked God to be used similarly to the Samuel narrative and the call of the Lord in Isaiah 6. Dan delivered "Here I Am," stopping along the way to adjust the score and a song, and a little more light crept into the horizons which separate day and night. A prayer — a friend to another friend — and bits of self.

**Prayer at WBLUMC:** One of the ways our church helps to 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 of this team, please write it on a prayer request card, or contact Julie Jacot at 651-777-3728, ljacot@q.com. **The Email Prayer Chain** accepts email requests via a call or email to a pastor or the email prayer chain lead, Ronda Nelson, at rondalauva2@msn.com. **The Phone Prayer Chain** is organized through the UMW. Call Eva Shipley if you would like to request a prayer at 651-429-3570.

I'm not sure of where you are, who your neighbors are and what light you are hoping to bear, but our Creator's has assured that we are born to bear and to be children of Light. Biblically, here are 440 inferences to light.

Every day light-bearing is described within the pages of Christianity for the Rest of Us by Dianna Butler Bass as she writes about her research with vibrant neighborhood churches that are transformative. Yes, transformative people living brightly. This may seem outlandish to our over stimulated media mindset, but there are neighborhoods, businesses, churches and pure human souls in ten thousand places that are brilliantly demonstrating their inspired faith. These "living epistles" are most certainly sometimes unaware or even the opposite, quite timid of light bearing. They, like us are not always confidently living any sort of perfected life, but it is significant to say; they recognize their human uncertainty and temporary hesitancy does not shadow neighboring. They offer an "open space where change can take place (Nouwan)."

In Butler's words, "a community is where we witness to not just God and to the Bible abstractly. It is the whole emphasis to experience God. To take pilgrims to the edge of the gap where, unexpectedly believers glimpse God and that vision can empower — as it did for Moses when he saw God's back — acts of faith. Head, hearts, hands. Connected and integrated."

Gaps exist and separate us, but what might happen if a gap was an open space to experience God? What would happen if we shed some light to visualize this ample holy ground? Being neighborly is more than a folksy approach to living; it is a prayer for the Sacred to move us and to move God right into the midst of the neighborhood. Hamline professor and cancer survivor Deanna Thompson speaks about her family's new found "neighbors." Deanna had a host of people who somehow arrived into her "neighborhood" and made a "mark on her soul." She experienced loss, a spinal fracture, stage IV cancer; needless to say, light was pretty hard to set her eye on. The mystery is Deanna describes this time as fractured and yet, neighboring on the universal body of Christ stunning her and mysteriously embodying Christ. Her diverse neighborhood with their traditions "embraced, blessed and honored her" from Minnesota to California and from India to Sri Lanka.

I read of Deanna, watch the neighbor outside my window trudge winter through spring and all over again holding the hand of a friend who is growing too weary to manage the walk alone. In yet another "neighborhood," I see an embrace between two who stood far, far apart and I see Light of world. Earlier I spoke of dimness being the talk on the street — however, this is the real talk! "Here I am Lord, It is I. Who will bear my light to them?" — J.Jacot



10am Worship Sunday, July 9, 2017

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS

• PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"Joy is the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved." ~ Henri Nouwen

PRELUDE

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

setting by Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,

**All: God was.**

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

**All: God is.**

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found fulfillment,

**All: God will be.**

Not denying the world,

**All: but delighting in it,**

Not condemning the world,

**All: but redeeming it,**

Through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**All: God was, God is, God will be.**

+OPENING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 92

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UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious God, because you made the world, and intended it to be a good place, and called its people your children; because, when things seemed at their worst, you came in Christ to bring out the best in us; we gladly proclaim: goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies. Change our lives until we illustrate this in all that we do. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*After the message, children and youth through 8th grade are invited to 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.**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:37-47  
*from The Message*

Reader: Julie Jacot

Cut to the quick, those who were there listening asked Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers! Brothers! So now what do we do?” Peter said, “Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is targeted to you and your children, but also to all who are far away—whomever, in fact, our Master God invites.” He went on in this vein for a long time, urging them over and over, “Get out while you can; get out of this sick and stupid culture!” That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person’s need was met. They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

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.**

MESSAGE

A Man Called Ove: Discover Joy — Live Deeply

Pastor John McBride

+HYMN

“Pass It On”

No. 572

CONNECTION CARDS

*Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards. After the prayer of dedication, place them in the offering plates.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

“Together Again”

Thomas Keesecker

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (join in on the bold print)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

....And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

....We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

“Toccatta Festivea”

Dennis Janzer

### Sunday, July 9

10am—Worship/nursery; Sunday school resumes  
11am—Coffee/tea, doughnuts, fellowship  
11am—Individual prayer, prayer room

### Monday, July 10

10am—Hang Loose Women's Al-Anon, room 206  
7pm—Worship Committee meeting, library

### Tuesday, July 11

2-3:30pm—Tuesdays at 2, room 200  
6pm—YogaDevotion, Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm—Trustees meeting, room 107  
7-8:30pm—Finance Committee meeting, room 200  
7-9pm—Staff-Parish Relations Committee, room 206

### Wednesday, July 12

9:45-11:45am—UMW Dorcas Circle, room 200  
5-8pm—Summer Pizza Night, patio

### Thursday, July 13

Summer Festival Camp begins!  
7:10am—Men's Breakfast Group, library  
9am-3pm—The Gathering, room 200  
10am—Pages of Wisdom, room 107  
1-3pm—Book club (outside group), library

### Friday, July 14

Summer Festival Camp  
No scheduled activities  
9am-noon—Office open

### Saturday, July 15

Summer Festival Camp  
7:30am—Men's Prayer Group, room 107  
10am—Women's Breakfast group, room 200

### Sunday, July 16

Summer Festival Camp  
10am—Worship/nursery; Sunday school  
11am—Coffee/tea, doughnuts, fellowship  
11am—Individual prayer, prayer room

*Welcome to*

## WHITE BEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Visit [wblumc.org](http://wblumc.org) for weekly sermon podcasts, the church calendar and programming details.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

<b>Sunday:</b>	9am to 12pm
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<b>Tuesday:</b>	9am to 3pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9am to 3pm
<b>Thursday:</b>	9am to 3pm
<b>Friday:</b>	9am to 12pm
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

### SUNDAY BULLETIN

Please email information to [office@wblumc.org](mailto:office@wblumc.org) by **noon on Tuesdays**. Most events require a two-week lead time, but the earlier you get us the information, the more time we have to get the word out.

### WEEKLY E-BLAST

To receive our weekly email update, call 651-429-9026 or email [office@wblumc.org](mailto:office@wblumc.org). Please submit church-related events or announcements by **3pm Wednesdays**. All e-blast and bulletin information is subject to staff approval.

### LIFESOURCE

If you're part of a group or ministry that plans to hold a church event this June through September, we want to help you get the word out. Photos from repeating events would also be great! Please email information and photos to Lauri at [office@wblumc.org](mailto:office@wblumc.org). **The next deadline will be Tuesday, Aug. 22.**

# NEW JULY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## July 9, 16, 23 and 30

All ages meet in the theater to break out in small groups for the story, "wonder" questions, and a blessing. K-5th grade stay to build with Legos while preschool goes upstairs for free-choice time.



**LEGO**

**July Children's Series**

**Building Faith  
Brick by Brick**

**Sundays at 10:00 am**

**Friends welcome!**

## Committee changes and leadership report

Two new chairs began their terms on July 1: Mike Faust is the new chair of the Board of Directors and Heather Broneak is the new chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. For a full list of committees and their leadership, please pick up a 2017-18 Lay Leadership Report on the welcome table in the narthex. And our thanks to all who volunteer their time, energy and expertise to keep this church community strong!

### Extra furniture sale items

**Freewill donations accepted:** After the recent remodeling of the church offices the following items have become available: sofa, love seat, kitchen table, folding chairs, doll beds and kitchen playset, bulletin boards, white boards and much more. If you like a good bargain or are in need of slightly used items we have a deal for you. See Director of Operations, Patricia Kytola, Monday through Thursday 9am to 3pm to make arrangements to move these items to a new home. Items not sold by July 30 will be donated to a local charity. Questions? Call the office, 651-429-9026.

### July donations to White Bear food shelf

As you know, many of our neighbors rely on the food shelf for personal care items such as toilet paper. But as you can see in the photo at right, the food shelf is nearing the end of its supply! So for the month of July, we shall answer the plea for TP! Please place your donations of toilet paper and other personal care items (soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, razors, etc.) in the bins in the Fellowship Hall.



### Joe Cruz at first Summer Pizza Night

Meet us at the wood-fired oven 5:30-7:30pm **Wednesday July 12** for pizza, music by Joe Cruz, gaga pit games, friends, family and community. Bring a chair/blanket and enjoy a great summer night! Freewill offerings appreciated.

**The Bread Oven team requests your help!** About 15 more volunteers are needed for the 3:30, 4:30 and 6pm pizza shifts. Sign up in the narthex or talk to Glenn Oliphant or Bob Knutson. Thanks!

### Women's Golf Group

Any women interested in golfing are invited to join us every Wednesday afternoon at local courses. **July 12:** Goodrich, 1820 Van Dyke St. N, Maplewood; 651-748-2525. For tee time, email Mary Cripe by Sunday evening at [suzary006@comcast.net](mailto:suzary006@comcast.net) or call Carol Effertz, 651-429-6023.



### A thank-you

**From the McLean-Aegerter family:** Thank you kindly for the white rose on the alter in memory of our father and husband, Loren McLean. He really appreciated the church and all the good that is done, as do we.

## DEADLINE IS TOMORROW!

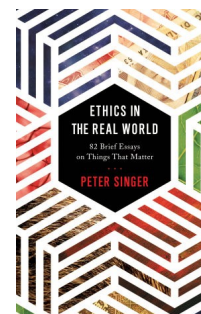


Don't miss this fun time! The St. Paul Saints take on the Sioux Falls Canaries at CHS Field in downtown St. Paul at 5pm on **Sunday, Aug. 13**. Families, friends, singles, couples — all are welcome! Tickets are \$15 for adults (18+) and \$10 for children (2-17). Kids under 2 are free. Online payment preferred at [wblumc.org/events/event-registration](http://wblumc.org/events/event-registration). **Payment is due by July 10**. Contact Jeremy Steiner, [jeremy@steinermn.com](mailto:jeremy@steinermn.com).

### STARTS THIS WEEK! Tuesdays at 2: "Ethics in the Real World"

Join us to read and discuss "Ethics in the Real World" by Peter Singer. Singer has been referred to as the world's most influential philosopher as well as one of its most controversial.

In this book, he tackles big issues like climate change, poverty, animals, the sale of kidneys, and whether we should outlaw smoking. A collection of 82 topical essays will certainly give us something to talk about! Contact Pastor Brooke or sign up at [wblumc.org/events/event-registration](http://wblumc.org/events/event-registration). Meet 2-3:30pm on Tuesdays, **July 11, 18 and 25** in Room 200.



### July bread class with master baker Ross Safford

Learn to make unique breads that are a show-stopper at backyard barbecues or picnics. Simple ingredients and techniques can make for surprisingly wonderful bread to accompany any meal. We'll make Challah, rich with eggs and butter, and potato focaccia, laced with garlic and herbs. **Sunday, July 23, 3-7pm;** includes salad & wood-fired pizza dinner. Cost: \$30. Limited to 12 people, so sign up early on the sheets in the narthex or online at [wblumc.org/events/event-registration](http://wblumc.org/events/event-registration).





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