

The Creator’s never-ending story

Most of us have a song we hum or whistle along to that make the miles of life or even a long drive fade. Recently, I found I was intrigued by a Chorister Guild publication which described the becoming of melody written by Alice Parker. Parker, who simply shines with all that is 93, is revered for her collection of over 500 spiritual, hymn and folk songs. Her story has evolved from a distant formative time when as a girl she sang before speaking, to her current, world renowned zeal and spirit to passionately mentor and direct. It’s evident as your eyes take in her performance that Alice is aging by the lovely smile lines dancing toward her wavy, grey locks, but what seemingly radiates---are not the lines of her face. What becomes known to the eye and soul are the graceful lines of her movements paced with intentional purpose to a song or a story that knows no age. Music is expanded off the black and white pages.

Alice writes about her conviction, “Music is first and foremost sound, and a paper diagram is a very imperfect medium for its transmission. Vocal sound comes from human throats, and is infinitely variable. An inner vision of those sounds is necessary before one can evoke them through composing or performance.”

I paused in my drive as the radio poured out a middle-school choir singing Parker’s song, *What I Am I Must Become*. It is based upon Native American text.

My thoughts rolled backward toward junior high like any of us might, recalling the lengthy, sprouting continuum of voice, confidence and change. Parker seemed to capture tween’s becoming and the melody only gives witness to what is beautiful. She explains, “Children have so much ‘becoming’ to do. What they don’t realize —yet — is that is true of all of our lives.”

Likewise, within the black and white letters that inspire our faith, we read of God’s inner vision surging into our becoming like a never-ending evolving song or parable. God is in our beginnings, middles and endings. God is the compassionate force that mingles into one of the most loving assurances we most desire and yearn to pass forward to the children, strangers and friends whose lives and stories we share. Everyone likes a story with a happy ending. Roman’s offers us a picture where the word ‘family’ is blown into an infinitely variable family without borders. Our faith claims a heritage, “For we are all led by the Spirit of God as children of God. For you have not received a spirit of fearful slaves to fall back into fear. Instead you have received God’s Spirit when you were adopted as God’s children. When we call “Abba! Father!” It is that very spirit joining with us to affirm or bear witness that we are God’s...Heirs of God’s glory bearing witness with our spirit.”

God is joining humanity and uniquely joining you. It is God, in the stories of your lives; your Momma’s and Papa’s, your Aunt’s and your Uncle’s, your co-worker and even your ornery neighbor. What amazing chapters we might write and witness to as we live into our Creator’s prayer for this huge family of God that known beyond any age.

If you would like to check out the song *What I Am I Must Become*, do an internet search for Composer’s Notebook, June 7, 2018, John Zeck.

This writing is dedicated to folks who foster becoming ... musicians, teachers, mentors and parents.

A Blessed Father’s Day to dads of all kinds — and especially to our sacred Parent, Abba! Amen.

~ J.Jacot

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 contact Julie Jacot at 651-777-3728 or ljjacot@q.com.

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

The Phone Prayer Chain is organized through the UMW. If you would like to request a prayer, call Eva Shipley at 651-429-3570.



10am Summer Worship ~ Jazz Sunday June 17, 2018 ~ Father's Day

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“The United Methodist Church believes God’s love for the world is an active and engaged love, a love seeking justice and liberty. We cannot just be observers. So we care enough about people’s lives to risk interpreting God’s love, to take a stand, to call each of us into a response, no matter how controversial or complex. The church helps us think and act out a faith perspective, not just responding to all the other ‘mind-makers-up’ that exist in our society.”
~ *The United Methodist Book of Resolutions*

PRELUDES

“Song For My Father” by Horace Silver
“Somewhere Over the Rainbow” by Harold Arlen

WELCOME

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)
O sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless God's name;
Tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the people!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

+OPENING HYMN “Gather Us In” No. 2236
UNISON PRAYER

God of all people,
we gather here today to be aware of your presence among us.
May we listen so that we can hear.
May we hear so that we can feel.
May we feel so that we can know.
And may we know so that we can change ourselves and this world.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
After the children’s 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.

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25-37 Reader: Sharon Jaslow
Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”
Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”

He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.””

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.
ANTHEM “I’m Beginning to See the Light” by Duke Ellington and Harry

James		
MESSAGE McBride	Provocative Stories of Jesus: The Good Samaritan	Pastor John
ANTHEM	“Someone to Watch Over Me”	by George Gershwin
+HYMN	“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”	No. 521

CONNECTION CARDS
Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards. After the prayer of dedication, you can place them in the offering plates as they are passed to you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

+HYMN “What a Friend We Have In Jesus ” No. 526

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE “L-O-V-E” by B. Kaempfert

THIS SUNDAY’S MUSICIANS
We’re excited to have some very special Twin Cities Jazz Festival musicians joining today. The jazz festival is happening all week at various performance sites throughout the metro area. Special thanks to festival director Steve Heckler for making this happen at WBLUMC.
The Jazz Central All-Stars: Joe Mayo, saxophones; **Mac Santiago**, percussion; **Javier Santiago**, piano; **Chris Bates**, bass; **Alicia Heckler**, guest vocalist

WBLUMC musicians: Doug Mulder, vocals; **John Koziol**, keyboards; **Peteria Cochran Routt**, organ
Bernie Kaeferlein, sound technician
Chris Faust: power point operator
ALTAR FLOWERS

This week’s altar arrangement is provided by Audrey Nelson and family, in loving memory of Ron Nelson.

WBLUMC calendar

- Sunday, June 17**
10-11am—Summer service; Children’s Church; nursery
11am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall
Individual prayer, prayer room
- Monday, June 18**
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206
7-8:30pm—Hearts & Hands knitting group, library
- Tuesday, June 19**
12:30-1:45pm—Faith in Action, library
6pm—Yoga class, Fellowship Hall
6-8pm—Board of Directors meeting, room 200
- Wednesday, June 20**
1-2:30pm—Prayer Team meeting, prayer room
6:30pm—”Bread” Talks, Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, June 21**
7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107
7pm—BeFrienders picnic, offsite location
- Friday, June 22: office closed**
11:30am—Worship Committee, library
- Saturday, June 23**
7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 200
8am-12:30pm—Manitou Days bread sale, parking lot
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, room 200/206
- Sunday, June 24**
10-11am—Summer service; Children’s Church; nursery
11am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall
Individual prayer, prayer room

Welcome to

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

Sunday:	9am to 12pm
Monday-Thursday	9am to 3pm
Friday-Saturday	CLOSED

SUNDAY BULLETIN/WEEKLY E-BLAST

Have a church-related event you’d like to appear in the
Sunday bulletin or the weekly e-blast? Please email all
pertinent information, including contact information, to
office@wblumc.org no later than **1pm Tuesday** for the
bulletin and **1pm Wednesday** for the e-blast. All infor-
mation is subject to staff approval. Thank you!

To receive the weekly email update — sent every Thursday
— call the office at 651-429-9026, email your request to
office@wblumc.org or indicate it on a connection card.

Visit **wblumc.org** for sermon podcasts, PDFs of the
9am bulletins, the church calendar and programming info.

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Jesus told stories to make a point, to draw pictures
in the minds and hearts of his listeners — and to provoke a response.
As with all good stories, the parables of Jesus are rich with meaning.
Through the centuries we have often reduced them to platitudes
or simple moral lessons. Beginning today, we’ll look at these stories
through the eyes of those who heard them first, the mostly Jewish crowds
who were attracted to Jesus and his teachings. We’ll discover that these provocative
stories of Jesus can still surprise us, shake us up, indict us, and open us up
to multiple interpretations that prompt us to see the world in new ways.

- Today** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *The Good Samaritan*
- June 24** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *Yeast*
- July 1** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *The Widow and the Judge*
- July 8** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *The Rich Man and Lazarus*
- July 15** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *The Pharisee and the Tax Collector*
- July 22** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *Mustard Seed*
- July 29** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *Pearl of Great Price*

We hope you enjoy your day!



Welcome pots

"If I had a single flower for every time I think of you,
I could walk forever in my garden."

~Claudia Adrienne Grandi



The flower urns at the church's south entrance have been given by Ruth and Dick Brink in honor of the Prayer Team. The pots at the east entrance are offered by an anonymous donor and by Dale and Jan Johnson in memory of our gardener and friend, Mort Olson.

Children's Church

Children's and youth Sunday School are back!

Who: Kids 4 years to 3rd grade completed. Friends too! Younger kids are welcome in the nursery.

What: Upbeat music, Bible story, blessing, building toys and craft time, closing video.

When: June and July at 10am

Where: Downstairs theater

Youth: 4th- & 5th-graders are invited to join Linnea and the middle school youth in room 109 in June.

Adults: Come and see what it's all about and sign up to be a helper for a Sunday. Contact Joan for more information at joan.hartman@wblumc.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Summer fun — invite a friend!

First "Bread" Talk this Wednesday

**#MeToo Movement and
Feminist Theology:
What's the Connection?**

Our evening will begin with a short presentation by Dr. Sherry Jordon, Associate Professor and Assistant Chair, Department of Theology at St. Thomas University, St. Paul and be followed by a light dinner of sandwiches and fruit. There's no charge for food, but free will donations will be gratefully received. Bring a guest! Join us **Wednesday, June 20**, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.



Paddling the St. Croix

Canoe and kayak outing: Let's paddle down the beautiful St. Croix River from Sunrise Ferry Landing to the Wild River State Park Landing on **Saturday, July 14**, 9:30am-3pm, led by Jim Roe. Jim has spent 35 years leading groups in the BWCA and many rivers of Minnesota. Bring a lunch and water. Bring your own canoe or kayak, borrow one, or rent one. Fliers and a sign-up sheet are posted in the narthex. For information call/text Jim at 651-242-1322 or email him at jameseroe8@gmail.com.



Free farmers markets

The White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf will offer its Free Summer Farmers Markets again this year at Willow Lane Elementary School on Saturdays and Redeemer Lutheran Church on Tuesdays. All are invited to come and pick up free produce. For more information, email Kristen Wanta at kristen@whitebearfoodshelf.org or check out the website at whitebearfoodshelf.org.

Come golf with us!

Women's casual golf group will play 9 holes of golf every Wednesday this summer. Next on the schedule:

June 20: Castlewood, 7050 Sandia Trail, Forest Lake; \$16/\$12 seniors

June 27: Oneka Ridge, 5610 120th St., White Bear Lake; \$19/\$18 seniors

To play, contact Mary Cripe by Monday morning at suzary006@comcast.net.