

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 am Worship | Sunday, January 26, 2020

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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION
“Creditors have better memories than debtors.”
~ Benjamin Franklin

“Just because you can buy it doesn’t mean you can afford it.”
~ Suze Orman.

“Blessed are the young for they shall inherit the national debt.”
~ Herbert Hoover

WORSHIP NOTES
Opening hymn
“Lord of all Hopefulness” was the opening hymn at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on May 19, 2018.

PRELUDE “Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier” J.G. Walther (1684-1748)
(Dearest Jesus, We are Here)
Joyce Brown, organist

WELCOME
CALL TO WORSHIP “Cornerstone” Shawn Kirchner
Chancel Choir

+ OPENING WORDS (responsively)
God, give us eyes to see and ears to hear;
tongues to speak up for justice and to encourage the downtrodden;
hands to reach out and lift up the fallen;
minds to seek solutions and not excuses;
hearts to discern what is right and to love and comfort.
All these things you give us, that people around us may never doubt or forget your presence among us.

+ OPENING HYMN “Lord of All Hopefulness” No. 2197
1, 3, and 4

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 shegdahld2@comcast.net.
The Email Prayer Chain accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, rondalauva2@msn.com

WBLUMC WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 26
9am—Traditions worship; Sunday School & nursery
10am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall
10:10-10:25am—Children’s Choir rehearsal, room 205
10:15-10:30am—Youth mission trip info meeting, 200
10:45am—New Crossings worship; Sunday School & nursery

Monday, Jan. 27
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206
7-8:15pm—Book club, library

Tuesday, Jan. 28
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 29
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
6-6:30pm—Tween/Teen Choir rehearsal, room 205
6:30pm—Children & Youth activities
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Jan. 30
7:10am—Men’s breakfast group, library
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA group, room 107

Friday, Jan. 31
No scheduled activities; office is closed.

Saturday, Feb. 1
7am-1pm—Bread baking, kitchen & Fellowship Hall
7:30am—Men’s prayer group, room 107
9am—WBL Saturday morning women’s AA group, 107/206

Sunday, Feb. 2: Bread pickup after both services
9am—Traditions worship; Sunday School & nursery
10am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall
10:10-10:25am—Children’s Choir rehearsal, room 205
10:45am—New Crossings worship; Sunday School & nursery

Monday, Feb. 3
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206
3:30-5pm—UMW Board Meeting, room 200
6pm—Worship Committee meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 4
10:30am-noon—Staff meeting
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall
6-8pm—Second Harvest Heartland, offsite

Wednesday, Feb. 5
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
6:30pm—Children & Youth activities
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal



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WORSHIP
NOTES

A warm welcome
Our visiting musician is Joyce Brown, who has a degree in Organ Performance from Augsburg College and is on the Board of the TCAGO, Twin Cities American Guild of Organists. She is thrilled to be a recent first-time grandmother.

About today’s scripture
Eugene Peterson writes, “The Books of Kings ... are a relentless exposition of failure — a relentless five-hundred-year documentation proving that the Hebrew demand of God to ‘have a king’ was about the worst thing they could have asked for.”

The stories from these books, including today’s scripture, tell about the difficulties of life in this period and how God’s purposes continued to be worked out through ordinary people and sometimes even through the kings who were never meant to be.

UNISON PRAYER

God, true light and source of all light, may we recognize you in the world-weary people around us: the hungry, the struggling, the grieving, and the hurting. May we be open to your Spirit to become a means of healing, strength, and peace for all your children. And may our worship today open our eyes to the deep truth that compassion can transform us and show us how to live in love as you have loved us. We ask this through Jesus your Son. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Jesus Paid It All”
Chancel Choir

Text: Elvina M. Hall, 1820-1889
Music: John T. Grape, 1835-1915

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

2 Kings 4:1-7

Reader: Tom Brink

Now the wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant feared the Lord, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves.”

Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” She answered, “Your servant has nothing in the house, except a jar of oil.”

He said, “Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not just a few. Then go in, and shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside.”

WORSHIP
NOTES

About the closing hymn
“His Eye Is on the Sparrow” is a Gospel hymn written in 1905 by lyricist Civilla D. Martin and composer Charles H. Gabriel. It is most associated with actress-singer Ethel Waters, who used the title for her auto-biography. Mahalia Jackson’s recording of the song was honored with the Grammy Hall of Fame Award in 2010.

So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. When the vessels were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.” But he said to her, “There are no more.” Then the oil stopped flowing.

She came and told the man of God, and he said, “Go sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest.”

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

Elephants in the Room: Debt

Pastor Bill Eaves

+ HYMN

“You Are Mine”

No. 2218

CONNECTION CARDS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

“Madrigal”
Joyce Brown, organist

Denis Bedard (b. 1950)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CLOSING HYMN

“His Eye is On the Sparrow”
1 and 3

No. 2146

+ BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in C”
Joyce Brown, organist

Johann Georg Albrechtsberger