



## RITUAL OF CONFIRMATION

### INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Sisters and brothers in Christ, through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church and made new through water and the spirit. This is God's freely given gift to us. Through confirmation, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing in our lives, and affirm our commitment to the way of Jesus in our world.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in a good and gracious God, who calls us into life-giving relationships with God and with one another? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus the Christ, who reveals God's love to us? Do you seek to follow in his path of unconditional love and truth? **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, moving within each part of God's creation, that pulls us closer to harmony and peace? **I do.**

Do you accept the call God has given you to choose love, to seek grace, to fight for justice, and to live with compassion? **I do.**

Will you be true to yourself and to God as you live out your faith? **I will.**

### LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE CONFIRMANDS

Let us welcome these young people as fellow travelers along Christ's way. Let us rejoice with them their affirmation of faith and commitment to living a faithful life as a student of Jesus the Christ.

### CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

**We celebrate this new generation of faith. With joy we honor your unique presence and radiant gifts. We welcome you along this journey of faith and look forward to traveling with you. Amen.**

### PRESENTATION OF CROSSES

United Methodist Women

### BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMANDS

White Bear Lake  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 NOURISHING THE HUNGERS OF LIFE

9:30am Worship, May 21, 2017 Confirmation & Baby Sunday

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS

• PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"Faith is not a refuge from reality. It is a demand that we face reality, with all its difficulties, opportunities, and implications." ~ Evelyn Underhill

### PRELUDE

"Children Will Listen"  
 Lisa Draves, John Koziol

Stephen Sondheim

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

The journey of faith is a journey through life.

**We are pilgrims, travelers, making our way.**

For each generation, in each place and time, for each seeker who travels this way,  
 The road seems different.

**Today we celebrate our children and youth.**

**We hold our hands out to them and beckon them to join us on the journey.**

As they walk beside us, we may tell them our stories, **but we may not tell them the way.**

We can tell them of our questions, **but the answers must come from within their own hearts.**

We celebrate a new generation of faith, a new branch, with leaves that are blossoming.

**Let us make a place for them as we all worship God together.**

### +OPENING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!"  
 Stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 5

No.139

### BABY RECOGNITION

Cheryl Larsen, UMW President

These babies, born between December 2016 and April 2017, are being honored  
 with a book given by the United Methodist Women.

**Nora Fautsch**

July 16, 2016

Shaina and David Fautsch

**Charlie Norman**

March 7, 2017

Myra and Tyson Norman

**Braun Warren**

December 29, 2016

Kimberly and Mark Warren

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## ANTHEM

"Clocks"

arr. Keith Richards

Alleluia Ringers and Ryan Pedersen, guitar; Steve Lyons, drums; Jack Sigler, bass; John Koziol, keyboards

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*After the message, children can return to sit with their families for the rest of the service. Sunday school will resume June 4.*

## 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

Matthew 20:1-16

Reader: Aaron Holstin

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.**

## MESSAGE

The Parable of the Laborers

Pastor Brooke Heerwald Steiner

## +HYMN

"I Was There to Hear your Boring Cry"

No.2051

Stanzas 1-3 and 7

## RITUAL OF CONFIRMATION *(See back page)*

**Cole Raymond Fortman\* Katie Jarnagin\*\* Ryan Pedersen**

*\*\*Indicates completion of all requirements for one year of confirmation.*

*\*\*Indicates completion of all requirements for two years of confirmation.*

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## 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

Chancel Choir

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## +BENEDICTION

## +POSTLUDE

"O God Beyond All Praising"

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# Summer worship starts May 28: one service at 10am!

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Altar flowers are provided this week by Steve Peterson to celebrate Patti's birthday.

### **Sunday, May 21**

9:30am—Worship/Sunday school/nursery  
 10:30am—**ASP Silent Auction ends!** Coffee/tea, doughnuts, fellowship  
 10:30am—Individual prayer, prayer room  
 11:15am—Band-led worship/nursery

### **Monday, May 22**

10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206  
 7-8:30pm—Book Club, library

### **Tuesday, May 23**

6pm—Yogadevotion class, Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, May 24**

5:30-6:30pm—Handbells cleaning party, sanctuary  
 6:45-8pm—Precious Water program, sanctuary

### **Thursday, May 25**

7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library  
 9am-3pm—The Gathering, room 200  
 10am—Pages of Wisdom, room 107  
 10-11:30am—Memory Loss Support Group, library  
 7-8:30pm—BeFriends, room 200

### **Saturday, May 26**

7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 107  
 10am—Women’s Breakfast group, room 200

### **Sunday, May 28: One summer service begins**

10am—Worship/nursery; no Sunday school  
 11am—Coffee/tea, doughnuts, fellowship  
 11am—Individual prayer, prayer room

### **Monday, May 29**

#### **OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206

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**

**Sunday:** 9am to 12pm  
**Monday:** 9am to 3pm  
**Tuesday:** 9am to 3pm  
**Wednesday:** 9am to 3pm  
**Thursday:** 9am to 3pm  
**Friday:** 9am to 12pm  
**Saturday:** CLOSED

#### LIFESOURCE

##### ***Our next LifeSource deadline is Tuesday, May 23!***

If you’re on a team 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). *Thank you.*

#### 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.



# PRECIOUS WATER

## UNDERSTANDING MINNESOTA’S WATER & MINING CONNECTION

### FREE PUBLIC EVENT

**Wednesday, May 24, 6:45 to 8:30pm**

The Up All Night? social justice action group invites you to join us for a presentation by Kevin Lee, staff attorney for the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA). You’ll hear about:

- The sulfide and ore mining proposals for the areas near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Lake Superior
- What MCEA is doing to protect water from the environmental impact of the proposed mines
- How to become stewards of our state’s precious water
- How to engage local legislators on key issues.

**Refreshments at 6:45pm in the Narthex,  
 program starts at 7pm in the Sanctuary.**

Contact Margie Grilley for more information:  
[mgrilley@q.com](mailto:mgrilley@q.com) or 651-324-2025

**Find out how you can get involved.**

All are welcome! Invite your neighbors and friends.

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## Garden plots are still available, sign up soon

Please stop by the office or call Larry or Denise Kerr at 651-484-6092 to get your Garden Agreement and Application for the 2017 growing season. Plots are still only \$20 each.



## Women's Casual Golf Group

We start golfing together on Wednesday, May 24! Any women interested in golfing are invited to join us at Gem Lake Golf Course, 4039 Scheuneman Road; 651-429-8715. \$15.25/\$14.25 seniors.

To get the tee time, let Mary Cripe know by Sunday evening that you want to join us! [suzary006@comcast.net](mailto:suzary006@comcast.net); alternate contact is Carol Effertz, 651-429-6023.

## ASP SILENT AUCTION ENDS TODAY

You have until 11:30am to help raise money for students going on ASP this summer! After worship in Fellowship Hall, put in your last bids. The highest bidders will be called/texted at 11:30am to pick up their item(s).

## "Bee Friends" thank-you!

Thank you for your donations and your support! The Children's Ministry mission raised \$2,458 for the Xerces Society to help pollinators.

**Reminder: No Sunday School today or May 28.** Summer programs will start June 4.



## Last book club until fall

At our last book club meeting on Monday, May 22, we'll discuss "Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed" by Jared Diamond. All are welcome! Join us in the library 7-8:30pm.



## June Baking with a Purpose

June selections are country whole wheat with raisins and French bread. Sign up in the narthex or online at [wblumc.org/events/event](http://wblumc.org/events/event) registration by **Thursday, June 1**. Pick up noon-1pm Saturday, June 3, or between services Sunday, June 4. June proceeds will benefit our own Bread Ministry.

**Volunteers also needed!** Sign up in the narthex or contact Bob Knutson or Glenn Oliphant if you can help out on Saturday, June 3.

## Understanding the Refugee Experience

More facts learned from our event sponsored by the Up All Night? social justice action group:

1. Church groups are needed for support during the case management time and follow up, depending upon the needs of each family.
2. About 10 church members are needed to help a refugee family.
3. Bicycles are much appreciated by refugee families to help with transportation to jobs and school.

**Saying goodbye to Pastor David**  
Interim Senior Pastor David Doppenberg's last Sunday with our congregation will be June 4. Cake, coffee, pastries and lemonade will be served in Fellowship Hall after the 10am service. You are all invited to come to express thanks and best wishes to David as he leaves to serve the Elk River UMC.



## You can make a difference



## WBL food shelf sorters needed

This past Saturday the U.S. Postal Service delivered more than 7 tons of food to the food shelf, and much of it still needs to be checked, sorted, boxed and shelved before we can distribute it to hungry neighbors. Interested groups or individuals should contact Lee Bailey-Seiler at 651-407-5311 or [lee@whitebearfoodshelf.org](mailto:lee@whitebearfoodshelf.org)

## New shelter in Hugo

Get involved in a new family shelter scheduled to open in Hugo later this year. You're invited to tour the future site and learn more about the program, which is a collaboration with Forest Lake Area Mission for Families and several local congregations. The tours will be 6:30-8pm Thursday, May 25, at St. Genevieve Rectory, Hwy. 61 and Frenchman Road in Hugo. No RSVP is required, but if you have questions contact Sandy Zarembinski, [szarembinski@hotmail.com](mailto:szarembinski@hotmail.com)

## Help for Somalia

Somalia is on the brink of famine, and Feed My Starving Children wants you to help do something about it. The Twin Cities community is packing 6 million urgently needed meals, and FMSC still has 23,000 volunteer spots to fill on June 2-5 at St. Paul River-Centre. FMSC is partnering with Metro Transit to provide rides to and from the event! For more information or to register, go online to [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org).

## Food shelf requests gluten-free donations

If you or a loved one has food sensitivities, then you know how challenging it can be to find appropriate foods. Now imagine how much more difficult that might be if you or your loved one were relying on food aid. **For the month of May**, we're requesting gluten-free items for donation to the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf. You may leave your donations in the collection bin in the Fellowship Hall, and a volunteer with the food shelf will deliver them at the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity!

## A heartfelt thank-you

Thanks to all who helped make John Stucky's memorial services so meaningful, from Pat scheduling the service and helping with the slide show, Lauri doing a custom bulletin, Ron's crew setting up and cleaning before and after, the bakers of cookies and bars and the kitchen workers, the pastors and John Koziol's music, plus Paul and Terry's help moving heavy things. More than anything, we are grateful for the ongoing encouragement from so many of you. Whomever I may have forgotten, please consider yourself thanked.

— From Gail, Jen and Craig