

And awe came upon everyone Acts 2:43

We can be awed by the signs of life near us. The sparrow’s song, the healing we did not expect, the confirmation of new faith and the passing of someone who lived largely summon us to try out new lenses upon our ordinary eyes. These experiences call us to find our own focus and see a vision of ourselves and others as new creations. It is staggering to realize that we might have been near to someone and have actually rubbed shoulders not with our do-good holiness, but their holiness. We only have to pause a second to imagine how Jesus grew into this larger light by becoming more memorably unlike His world. Jesus, prophetically praised pearls, sought lost stuff and planted seeds into the lives of ordinary eyes like mine and your’s. Once again capture the unpolished, unedited, real Jesus, stooping to anoint farmers into disciples, scouring ragged toes and imparting stories of a God who recklessly sows seeds over any soil. It is Jesus who told that timeless parable of The Sower, claiming things still grow — things like people. Like a dandelion’s feathery silk seeds move randomly in new tufts of diverse pattern, new creation blows our life open. Anointments are like this.

The prophetic voice of Father Boyle of Los Angeles, author of G-DOG and the Homeboys and other titles and whose work inspired Homeboy Industries, reminds us of renewal. Homeboy Industries is an inner-city gang intervention or a group of industries including cafés, silk screening, a retail store, a catering service, counseling, GED classes and more for people at their beginnings. Boyle’s books, public speaking and living remind us of how we might begin to capture the earth seeded in new hopeful patterns. Boyle states in an interview with Krista Tippett of On Being: “Well lately, I’ve been reading the Acts of the Apostles really carefully. And if you start to read it and think it’s kind of a quaint snapshot of the earliest Christian community, that’s one thing. But what if you were to read it as a measure of the health of any community? So you see how they love one another, need nothing ... But my favorite one is — it leapt off the page to me. It says, ‘And awe came upon everyone,’ so that the measure of our

compassion lies not in our service of those on the margins, but in our willingness to see ourselves in kinship. And so that means the decided movement towards awe, and giant steps away from judgment. So how can we seek a compassion that can stand in awe at what people have to carry, rather than stand in judgment at how they carry it? I think that’s sort of the key here...”

Father Boyle recalls how God began to call him to this wider community: “I can remember walking in the projects late at night, long ago, and there was this kid, Mario, sitting by himself, 16 years old, just sitting on his little stoop in front of the crummy old projects. So I see him, and I greet him: ‘Hey, how you doing?’ And I sit down next to him, and he goes, “‘t’s funny that you should show up right now.’ And I say, ‘Why?’ ‘Well, I was just sitting here praying, and I said, “God, show me a sign that you’re as great as I think you are.” And then you showed up.’

“Well, I just think — I remember how moved I was by that. And it’s how you enter into the vastness and the spacious place that God holds. But it came by way of knowing that the day won’t ever come when I am as holy as the people I’m called to serve; that the day won’t ever come when I have more courage, or am more noble or am closer to God, than this 16-year-old ... sitting alone on his porch.”

We may not start an inner-city ministry; however, it’s likely that the God of spacious vastness and open space will let a spattering of Acts 2 awe come upon us. We may sense the blowing of God or not; no matter, God is still there surrounding this place and you cultivating a way for growth. It’s significant to note that small budding starts are still growth. You may be in a place of loss, absorbing slim slices of warm light or as prolific as those familiar saffron dandelions. Whispered into the holy pages of life; seeds are being anointed and seeds will grow: “I will plant them so they can grow...They will be my people and I will their God. This is because they will return to me with their whole hearts.” Jer. 24:6-7

— 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.



10am Summer Worship ~ Sunday, May 27, 2018

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“God of life, in your hand we find our lives.
Be present with us in this time together.
Let your Spirit mold us, shape us and remake us this morning and every day
until we conform to the shape that you call us to take;
the shape of love known and shown in Jesus the Christ. Amen.”

~ Jennie Gordon

PRELUDE Leilani Lewis, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP “All Are Welcome” Marty Haugen

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)
Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.
Let there be truth heard in the words we speak and the songs we sing.
Let there be help and healing for our disharmony and despair.
Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.
Let there be joy in our coming together.
Let us be nurtured in the presence of God.

+OPENING HYMN “Come thou Fount of Every Blessing” No. 400

UNISON PRAYER

Living God, our Wholeness, our Friend: lead us to that place within us where darkness and light – the mornings and evenings of the heart – may meet one another, know each other, and embrace. May our joy and our sadness, our fulfillment and our longing not remain hidden or divided from each other, but inform and befriend each other at the place where you draw us together and make our souls enlivened and strong. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Tininkling”
Bell Trio
National Dance of the Philippines

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 Romans 15:1-6 Reader: Jeff Lantto
We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Recalculating Pastor Bill Eaves

+HYMN “Source of Faith” *see insert*

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 “Fairest Lord Jesus” arr. Charles Maggs
WBLUMC Bell Quartet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+HYMN “God Will Take Care of You” No. 130

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS
Today’s arrangement is given by Margie, Dorian and Clare Grilley, in celebration of Davis’s college graduation.

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.

Source of faith

(A hymn on the Wesleyan Quadrilateral)

1. Source of faith from the be - gin - ning, word of truth and hope and grace,
2. Saints of old gave liv - ing wit - ness to the faith that changed their lives,
3. Rea - son shapes a way to in - sight as one lis - tens and dis - cerns.
4. God has sown a sa - cred im - age in the heart of eve - ry - one,

tales of glo - ry, tales of sin - ning all re - deemed in love's em - brace.
shared with oth - ers, lov - ing good - ness; and their leg - a - cy still thrives.
Mys - ter - y re - veals a new light where, with grace, the seek - er learns.
and the Spir - it sends a mes - sage that re - veals what was be - gun.

From cre - a - tion to sal - va - tion liv - ing words pro - claim, then call:
Through tra - di - tion peo - ple flour - ished borne by wor - ship, song and creed.
In - tu - i - tion, linked with wis - dom, binds to - geth - er mind and heart:
Come, ex - pe - ri - ence, dis - cov - er path - ways to trans - form - ing grace.

Come, be - hold the in - car - na - tion of God's love, a gift to all.
Break - ing bread they all were nour - ished, bear ing fruit in Christ - like deed.
linked to know - ledge of the king - dom, rea - son stirs a sa - cred art.
Come and learn to love each oth - er, and to share sal - va - tion's grace.

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MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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Saying farewell

Join us to thank Pastor Brooke Heerwald Steiner for all she has brought to WBLUMC in her time here and to wish her well as she becomes pastor of Excelsior UMC.

Gift for Brooke & family

If you would like to contribute toward a gift from the congregation, please send a check or place a check in the offering plates with “Brooke’s Gift” in the memo line. You may also contribute online at wblumc.org/giving — click the Online Giving button at the bottom of the page and select the fund “Brooke’s Gift.” Please make your contribution by **Wednesday, May 30**, since we’ll give this to Brooke and her family on June 3, her last Sunday with WBLUMC.

Pizza party on June 3

After Brooke’s last sermon here on **Sunday, June 3**, we’ll send her off in true WBLUMC style with fresh-baked pizza, fruit and family fun. All are welcome to celebrate Brooke’s time with us! Join us after worship at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. **Sign up in the narthex to help the bread team.**

New Sermon Series
June 10–July 29

Provocative Stories of Jesus

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 June 10, 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 teaching.

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.

June 10 — Provocative Stories of Jesus: Lost

June 17 — Provocative Stories of Jesus: 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: Mustard Seed

July 15 — Provocative Stories of Jesus: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

July 22 — Provocative Stories of Jesus: The Rich Man and Lazarus

July 29 — Provocative Stories of Jesus: Pearl of Great Price

Kids & youth update

Children’s and youth Sunday School are still on break today, May 27. Summer Sunday programming for children and youth will begin on **June 3**. Students 4 years to 3rd grade/completed will go to the theater downstairs for our new Children’s Church.

Youth grades 4-9 will meet for Faith on Fire, focusing on faith formation through interactive lessons. High school programs will be on break until the fall.

But there’s more! Grades 4-12 are invited to hang around after church for games with Linnea until 12pm. For more info or to volunteer with youth, email Linnea at linnea.uhler@wblumc.org.

Adult Faith Formation

Bikes - Burgers - Beverages

Ride the Gateway Trail and enjoy food at Roma’s afterward. All welcome to ride on Tuesday, June 5, and Tuesday, June 12. We’ll start at 6pm from Mahtomedi Ball Field parking lot. Organized by Dawn Kittleson, Dave Bennett and John McBride. RSVP needed! Sign up in the narthex or email mcbride.johnr@gmail.com .

“Bread” Talks

Feed the body, feed the mind. Light supper and a short presentation by guest speakers on important current topics on Wednesday, June 20, and Wednesday, July 25, 6:30-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Stay tuned for specific speakers and topics! This is intended to be a community event where all are invited and welcome, so help us spread the word. Free-will offering. Email lorijomcbride@gmail.com.

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. We’ll have a sack lunch along the way. 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.

Community gardens

You still have time to get garden plots so you can grow your own veggies. Contact Larry or Denise Kerr at 651-484-6092 or email denisekerr19@gmail.com to get your 2018 Garden Agreement and Application. Cost is \$20 per plot for the summer.

Come golf with us!

Women’s casual golf group will be playing 9 holes of golf at the following courses:

May 30: Applewood Hills in Stillwater

June 6: Phalen in St. Paul.

Please contact Mary Cripe at suzary006@comcast.net by Monday morning if you’re interested in playing this week.

Got firewood?

The bread ovens are getting low on oak firewood. If you have extra oak firewood or know of a source who might be willing to donate some to the Bread Ministry, please email Glenn Oliphant at golipha@gmail.com. Thank you!

Free food-shelf 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, contact Kristen Wanta, community resource coordinator, at kristen@whitebearfoodshelf.org or check out the website at whitebearfoodshelf.org.

Take-aways from Protect MN talk

- The third-leading cause of death for children and youth in America is gun violence.
- The second-leading cause of death for boys in America is gun violence.
- Research about gun violence is prohibited in the state of Minnesota.

Get more information protectmn.org — look under resources/gun facts. Protect MN always cites its sources of information.

Weekly calendar

Sunday, May 27

10-11am—Summer worship begins; nursery open
11am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall
Individual prayer, prayer room

Monday, May 28: OFFICE CLOSED

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

Tuesday, May 29

6pm—Yoga class, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 30

No scheduled activities.

Thursday, May 31

7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107
7-8:30pm—BeFrienders, room 200

Friday, June 1

9am-3pm—Yogadevotion filming, sanctuary

Saturday, June 2

7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 200
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, room 107

Sunday, June 3—Brooke’s last Sunday with us

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10am—Children’s Church, downstairs theater
11am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall
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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 information 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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