

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

9am Service | Communion Sunday | March 1, 2020

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

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 shegdahl2@comcast.net.

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

WBLUMC WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, March 1: Bread pickup after both services

9am—Traditions worship; Sunday School & nursery
10am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall
10am—Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos presentation, room 200
10am—Lenten Study: Practical Prayer, room 206
10:10-10:25am—Children's Choir rehearsal, room 205
10:45am—New Crossings worship; Sunday School & nursery
4-5:30pm—Suicide Prevention Concert, sanctuary

Monday, March 2

10am—Hang Loose Women's AI-Anon, room 206
3:30-5pm—UMW Board Meeting, room 200
7-8:15pm—Church book club, room 200

Tuesday, March 3

10:30am-noon—Staff meeting, room 206
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 4

6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
6-6:30pm—Tween-Teen choir rehearsal, room 205
6:30pm—Children's and Youth activities
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 5

7:10am—Men's breakfast group, library
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA group, room 107
10:30am—Lenten Devotional group, room 206
11:30am—Social & Environmental Justice Action Group, 200

Friday, March 6

No scheduled activities on-site; office is closed.
Confirmation retreat, offsite

Saturday, March 7

7:30am—Men's prayer group, room 200
9am—WBL Saturday morning women's AA group, 200/206
3pm—BellFest 2020, North Heights Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 8

9am—Traditions worship; Sunday School & nursery
10am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall
10am—Lenten Study: Practical Prayer, room 206
10:10-10:25am—Children's Choir rehearsal, room 205
10:45am—New Crossings worship; Sunday School & nursery

Monday, March 9

10am—Hang Loose Women's AI-Anon, room 206
1-3pm—UMW Sarah Circle meeting, room 200
6pm—Worship Committee meeting, library

WORDS FOR MEDITATION
"The truth comes from the edges of society. Jesus' reality is affirmed and announced on the margins, where people are ready to understand and to ask new questions. The establishment at the center is seldom ready for the truth because it's got too much to protect; it has bought into the system. As Walter Brueggeman says, 'the home of hope is hurt.'"
~ Richard Rohr

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" Silesian Folk Melody arr. by Jay Rouse

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP "The Greatest of These is Love" Carlton Young

+ OPENING WORDS (responsively)
In the season of Lent we have started down a road that will take us to the cross.
It is a journey we take together, and a journey each one makes alone.

We are invited to notice things on the way –
To notice the sharp stones, the uneven ground, the mercy of shade, the faithfulness of those who walk with us.

We carry little with us but that which is in our hearts:
Trust, fear, apprehension, wonder, sorrow, hope.

On this walk we rest and sing and pray and listen.
In our worship, we open our very souls to the Creator of All.

+ OPENING HYMN	"All Are Welcome"	
Verse 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.	Verse 2 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us. All are welcome, all are welcome in this place.	Verse 3 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger. All are welcome, all are welcome in this place.



WORSHIP
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UNISON PRAYER

Come, Creator of love and mercy, and be with us and in us and beside us. Be as hands upon us and fashion us in compassion. Be as a flame within us, and set us afire with justice. Be as a strength upon us, and shape our lives for healing. Abide in our prayers, spoken and unspoken; and make your Word come true in our lives, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM "Come to Me" Dan Forrest

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9am only)
After the children's message, children and youth through 12th grade will leave for Sunday School.

MINUTE SPEAKER Erin Egge

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 7:36-50 Reader: Roberta Schmidt

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak."

"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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.

About the scripture

The story in today's scripture reading shows how Jesus favors the outsiders over the insiders. This is a repeated theme in the gospel of Luke, who was concerned with showing us that Jesus opens the door to God's grace for all.

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Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Article 1: All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

— *General Assembly of the United Nations, Dec. 10, 1948*

The season of Lent

Lent is a season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The English word *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring.

In many other languages, the word used for this season refers to the 40-day length of the season (*cuaresma* in Spanish and Tagalog, *carême* in French, *quaresima* in Italian) or to the fasting that characterizes it (*Fastenzeit* in German, *fastan* in Swedish, *paasto* in Finnish, and *posta* in Russian). The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter.

MESSAGE

The Gospel of Welcome: For Outsiders

Pastor Bill Eaves

HYMN

Verse 1

For everyone born,
a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean
water and bread,
a shelter, a space,
a safe place for growing
for everyone born,
a star overhead,
and God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
yes God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

"A Place at the Table"

Verse 2

For woman and man,
a place at the table,
revising the roles,
deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace,
dividing the power,
for woman and man,
a system that's fair,
and God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

Verse 5

For everyone born,
a place at the table,
to live without fear,
and simply to be,
to work, to speak out,
to witness and worship,
for everyone born,
the right to be free,
and God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

CONNECTION CARDS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD "Come Let Us Eat" Billema Kwilla
setting by John Carter

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

God is with us! **We are not alone!**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**
Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Piano improvisation
Luke Gion

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.
We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life.
We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts.
We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE