

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 | Sunday, March 8, 2020

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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION
 “When I give food to the poor,
 they call me a saint. When I ask
 why the poor have no food, they
 call me a communist.”
 ~ Dom Helder Camara

Dom Hélder Pessoa Câmara
 was the Brazilian Catholic
 Archbishop of Olinda and Recife,
 from 1964 to 1985. Câmara was
 an advocate of liberation theolo-
 gy, a movement arising in Latin
 America that viewed the Gospel
 through the eyes of those on the
 margins and emphasized libera-
 tion from social, political, and
 economic oppression.

WORSHIP NOTES
About today's opening words:
 Adapted from Matthew 25:35-37
 and John 10:10

PRELUDE	“Jesus Loves Me”	William Bradbury arr. by Lori Line
WELCOME		
CALL TO WORSHIP	“The Greatest of These is Love”	Carlton Young
	Chancel Choir	
+ OPENING WORDS (responsively)		
Thank you, Lord, for the abundance of nourishing food at our tables. “I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”		
Thank you, Lord, for the abundance of clean water at our taps. “I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.”		
Thank you, Lord, for the abundance of fellowship in our communities. “I was a stranger and you invited me in.”		
Thank you, Lord, for the abundance of clothing that protects us from the cold. “I needed clothes and you clothed me.”		
Thank you, Lord, for the abundance of good health care at our disposal. “I was sick and you looked after me.”		
Thank you, Lord, for the abundance of freedom in our nation. “I was held captive and you came to visit me.”		
Thank you, Lord, for the abundance of life all around us. “I came that, all, may have life, and have it abundantly.”		

WBLUMC WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Tuesday, March 10
 6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall
 6:30pm—Board of Trustees meeting, office
 7pm—Finance Committee meeting, room 200
 7-9pm—Staff-Parish Relations Committee meeting, room 206

Wednesday, March 11: Children’s and Youth activities off
 9:45am-noon—UMW Dorcas Circle, room 200
 6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
 7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 12
 7:10am—Men’s breakfast group, library
 9am-3pm—The Gathering, room 200 & Fellowship Hall
 10am—Pages of Wisdom AA group, room 107
 10:30am—Lenten Devotional group, room 206
 1-3pm—Outside book club, library

Friday, March 13
 No scheduled activities on-site; office is closed.

Saturday, March 14
 7:30am—Men’s prayer group, room 200
 9am—WBL Saturday morning women’s AA group, 200/206

Sunday, March 15
 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
 11:35am-1:30pm—New member class, room 200

Monday, March 16
 10am—Hang Loose Women’s AI-Anon, room 206
 11am-1:30pm—Women’s Study of Scripture, library
 7-8:30pm—Hearts and Hands knitting group, library

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 shgdahl2@comcast.net.

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



WORSHIP
NOTES

About the composer

Born in 1950, Cynthia Dobrinski is known worldwide as a handbell composer and arranger with more than 175 works in print.

About today's scripture

Similar stories of Jesus feeding a large crowd are also found at Mark 6:30-44, Matthew 14:13-21 and John 6:1-14. Consider exploring these parallel verses to discover the insights each might have to offer.

+ OPENING HYMN

"Lord of All Hopefulness"
1 all, 2 men, 3 women, 4 all

No. 2197

UNISON PRAYER

**Generous God, we offer our thanks for the abundance that surrounds us and for the harvest of which we partake. Open the hearts and eyes of those with blessings to share and unite our voices in a call for justice:
For the equitable sharing of the harvest,
For those who wander to find safety and peace,
For those who are without a home to find affordable housing,
For those who are alone to find welcome and love.
May our lives to be constant prayer that all may be filled, safe, sheltered, welcomed and loved. Amen.**

ANTHEM

"Joy & Elation"
Alleluia Ringers

Cynthia Dobrinski

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9am only)

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

Luke 9:10-17

Reader: Thomas Brink

On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.

The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place." But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each." They did so and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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About the hymn

The tune name for "All Who Hunger" is HOLY MANNA. Other hymns with this same tune are UMH 150 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" and TFWS 2115 "Christ Has Risen."

About the postlude

A majestic opening fanfare introduces the "Ode to Joy" melody with an ostinato in the higher bells combined with syncopation and staccato notes for a light, contemporary feel. Mixed meters from 4/4 to 3/4 add even more excitement.

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 Gospel of Welcome: For the Hungry
Pastor John McBride

+ HYMN

"All Who Hunger"

No. 2126

CONNECTION CARDS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Thomas A. Dorsey arr. by Bill Mathis
Alleluia Ringers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CLOSING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"
1 & 4

No. 156

+ BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Ode to Joy"
Alleluia Ringers

arr. Andrew Duncan

ALTAR FLOWERS

The blue carnation on the altar is to celebrate the birth of Kannon T.J. Gausman, son of Cassie Lukin and Keith Gausman. Kannon was born Feb. 8, 2020.