For All the Saints

Verse 1- All
For all the saints
Who from their labours rest
Who to the world
By faith their Lord confessed
Your name O Jesus
Be forever blessed
Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse 2- All
You were their Rock
Their fortress and their might
You Lord their Captain
In the well-fought fight
And in the darkness
Their unfailing light
Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse 3- Men
So may your soldiers
Faithful true and bold
Fight as the saints
Who nobly fought of old
And win with them
The victor's crown of gold
Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse 4 - Chancel choir only

Verse 5 – All
And when the fight is fierce
The warfare long
Far off we hear
The distant triumph song
And hearts are brave again
And arms are strong
Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse 6 – All
From earth's wide bounds
From ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia

Stumbling into grace

When we imagine grace, the words undeserved favor may trickle into your mind. Midwesterners have always worked hard, and getting something for nothing might be a meandering trickle of a thought. Grace is to be redeemed and received simply because we are. Grace is brimming with belonging and is akin to a gift we cannot imagine, but just got out of the clear blue when we least expected it.

The book of John explains how the sacred gift of grace arrived:

> "The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.
> We saw the glory with our own eyes,
> The one-of-a-kind glory, like Father,
> like Son, Generous inside and
> out, true from start to finish."
> *~ The Message*

Attributes of generous grace were difficult to set your eyes upon in the neighborhoods Jesus walked where social justice and generosity were rare. Pick a parable, a spoken line of His sacred life or Jesus' last words and you see the impermeable images of a transparent life of grace.

Most of us don't usually tell one another when we stumble or trip over grace, but God can give voice to this audacious courage to stand for the things God stands for while transparently claiming who you are. That is how it was for Harry.

When your eyes landed on Harry, he seemed to have the stuff some of us have, but his distinguishing feature that brought lightning into a room was his generosity. Harry was generous with money, generous with time and especially generous with lengths of time to listen. He seemed to land near to anyone with this thing that he had just had laying around, that seemed to be just the thing you happened to really need. So life rolled for all the days of Harry's life. Harry's encounters consisted of simple things such as raking your leaves because he wanted to be outside, an anonymous down payment on a car and another to a mission school in the inner city. His generosity scooped up a kid with a skinned knee, lunch at a burger joint now and then with a teen and his family. Harry was modest, understated and his story was wrapped up in God's.

A generous grace must have gushed into Harry because it seemed Harry had slowly and mysteriously met what was God.

You see, Harry did not meet the Sacred in the usual way, but rather stumbled head-on and bashed into grace in his small, 12-year-old self. Harry had lived from home to home and finally landed in a house owned by a couple of ministers. Harry was never required to go to worship, but began to see tender mercy in the real faces of humanity and it stuck. Over time the new faces of these ministers transformed into 'Pops' and 'Gracie' within the normal stuff. Family in the regular stuff we pray for like being there, the blessing in shared meals and a sense of belonging. If you ask Harry, Pops and Gracie are saints. Jesus came knocking next and Harry's vision of himself changed into the fullness that the Sacred sees. Pastor Nadia Bolt-Weber writes, "I have come to realize that all saints I've known are accidental ones--people who inadvertently stumbled into a redemption like they were looking for something else at the time…"

Finally, our community celebrates All Saints Day today. Our hope is this writing tugs at the simplicity of generous love that is eternal. Our deepest respect for your heart and the Sacred in your neighborhoods. Amen.

~ J. Jacot

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NOURISHING THE HUNGERS OF LIFE

9am Worship ~ Communion Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

For all the saints who went before us
who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,
we praise you, O God.

For all the saints who live beside us
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,
we praise you, O God.

For all the saints who live beyond us
who challenge us to change the world with them,
we praise you, O God
~ Janet Morley

PRELUDE "Prayer of Saint Gregory" Alan Hovhaness
Gus Lindquist, trumpet; Peteria Cochran Routt, organ

WELCOME

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)
On this day of memory, as we gather to sing and to pray,
we remember the past and look to the future.
We give thanks for the people who walked this way before us,
and for all those we love who are no longer with us.
We celebrate the blessings we have received from the generations that came before us.
And we commit ourselves to the task of blessing the generations yet to come.
We remember in every time and place the saints who have shown us the love of God.
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN "For All the Saints" *See lyrics on back page*
1 & 2, all; 3, men; 4, Chancel Choir; 5 & 6, all

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
After this message, children and youth through 9th grade are invited to leave for Sunday school.

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

George Cannon Katherine Goehl Kristine Goodwin Barbara Klein Jim Kneen Alice Olson
Mort Olson Marilyn Rockholt Fred Schostag Ron Sundquist Ervin Walhoff Valerie White

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING MUSIC "Why Does Someone Have to Die?" Philip Glass
from the film *The Hours;* arr. by Michael Riesman & Nic Mühly

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 Mark 14:3-9 Reader: Devon Sinclair

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

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 Fearless Generosity! Receiving Without Forgetting Pastor Bill Eaves

+HYMN "Ye Watcher and Ye Holy Ones" No. 90
1, 3 & 4

CONNECTION CARDS *Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards to help us track attendance. After the prayer of dedication, you may place them in the offering plates as they are passed to you.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING "Lacrymosa" from *Eternal Light* by Howard Goodall
"Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep," from Eternal Light by Howard Goodall
Paul Gutmann, baritone soloist

Do Not Stand At My Grave and Weep
Mary Elizabeth Frye (1932)

Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry; I am not there. I did not die.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

SUNG RESPONSE

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC "In Remembrance of Me" Words: Regan Courtney
Solo: Stephanie Ondik Words based on Matt. 6:10 & Cor. 11: 23 -25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Peace I Leave With You" Timothy Shue
Chancel Choir

Peace I leave with you, Peace I give to you.
Peace unlike the world's peace I give,
Give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled,
And be not afraid.

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "O God Beyond All Praising" Setting, Jeffery Honoré
Gus Lindquist, trumpet; Peteria Cochran Routt, organ

ALTAR FLOWERS

This Sunday's arrangement is provided by Margie and Dorian Grilley, in loving memory of our parents.

Weekly calendar at WBLUMC

Sunday, Nov. 4
9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery
10:05am—Church Charge Conference, room 200
10:05am—Baking With A Purpose bread pickup
10-10:45am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall; prayer room is open
10-10:45am—Stewardship Committee, Bill's office
10:45-11am—Worship; Children's Church & nursery
11:05am—Baking With A Purpose bread pickup

Monday, Nov. 5
10am—Hang Loose Women's Al-Anon, room 206
3-5pm—UMW Board meeting, room 200

Tuesday, Nov. 6
10:30am-noon—Staff meeting, room 206
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall
6:30-8:30pm—Ministry Leaders meeting, library

Wednesday, Nov. 7
8am-4pm—Granting meeting, room 200
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
6:30pm—Youth mentor night
6:30pm—Children's activities and confirmation
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal, music room

Thursday, Nov. 8
7:10am—Men's Breakfast Group, library
9am-3pm—The Gathering, room 200/Fellowship Hall
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107
10:30am—"Created for Happiness," room 206
1-3pm—Book club (outside group), library
6:30pm—Speaker Duchess Harris, sanctuary
6:30-8pm—"Making Sense of the Bible," room 200

Friday, Nov. 9
Church office closed

Saturday, Nov. 10
7:30am—Men's Prayer Group, room 200
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women's Group, 200/206
10am-noon—UMW talent show signups

Sunday, Nov. 11
9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery
10-10:45am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall; prayer room is open
10-10:45am—Stewardship Committee, Bill's office
10:45-11am—Worship; Children's Church & nursery

Thank you! Take your photos home

Thanks for sharing photos of your summer adventures for the hall display. *Please take your pictures home today!*

Notice: Charge conference today

There will be a Church Charge Conference ***today*** at 10:05am in room 200 for the purpose of setting pastoral compensations for 2019.

Welcome

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 and 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 ***10am 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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2018-19 Stewardship Campaign

This year's stewardship campaign continues with speakers during both services today. Messages will continue Sunday, Nov. 11, and will culminate with a call for giving and a celebration with fresh-baked cinnamon rolls on Sunday, Nov. 18.

Our November sermon series follows the theme of our stewardship campaign, **Fearless Generosity!** We'll look at what it's like to acknowledge our blessings honestly, to give freely, and to find the joy of boldly trusting God.

Today: Receiving without Forgetting

November 11: Giving without Remembering

November 18: Letting Go without Losing

Christmas poinsettia orders due today!

Don't miss your chance to order white or red poinsettias to decorate the church for the Advent Season. Pick up a pink order form on the Welcome Table in the narthex and get your request, dedication and payment to the church office by **today.** (For sanctuary display, white poinsettias are preferred.)

Serving from the Heart study series

A United Methodist study to help people find their gifts and talents for service, including a comprehensive analysis of scriptural passages dealing with spiritual gifts. Topics will include: Spiritual gifts; talents and abilities; resources; individuality; dreams; and experiences. We'll meet at the church 6:30-8pm on **Tuesdays, Nov. 20-Dec. 11**. Sign up in the narthex by Nov. 11 or contact leader Jim Roe at revroe@aol.com.

Silver Harmony Singers concert

Come hear WBLUMC members Paul Rodecap and Leilani Lewis perform with the Silver Harmony Singers at their annual concert to benefit the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf. Last year the audience contributed over $4,000 and 400 pounds of food. This year's concert will 11am **Saturday, Nov. 10**, at Parkview United Church of Christ, 3737 Bellaire Ave.

Sewing for Mission

Help with cutting and sewing for mission projects on **Saturday, Nov. 17**, 9am-12:30pm in room 200. Contact Stephanie Ondik for details at saboening@comcast.net.

Up All Night speaker: Author Duchess Harris

Our social justice group welcomes Dr. Duchess Harris, who will speak on freedom of the press and how to determine if a news source is legit. Dr. Harris is Professor of American Studies at Macalester College, and she is the author of several books, the latest of which is *Black Feminist Politics from Kennedy to Trump*. Join us 6:30-7:30pm on **Thursday, Nov. 8**, in the sanctuary. This is a free community event — bring a guest!

November's book

The church book club's selection for November is *Something Wonderful: Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway Revolution* by Todd S. Purdum. We'll meet at 7pm on **Monday, Nov. 26,** in the church library.

Hospital visits

If you are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the church at 651-429-9026 or office@wblumc.org. Because of privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify churches when someone is admitted. Our pastors and BeFrienders are available to anyone who requests a visit or call.

Dorcas Circle invitation

Looking for a way to connect with other women in the church and to learn, socialize and complete service projects? Dorcas Circle invites you to Caribou Coffee's community room in WBL at 9:45am on **Wednesday, Nov. 14**. We'll plan next year's activities and enjoy coffee and treats.

Holiday breads class

Join master bakers Bryce Johnson & Ross Safford at 2pm on **Sunday, Dec. 2,** to make a spice bread and one with fruit (*not* a fruitcake). Limited to 14; register at bryce@companionbreads.com by **Nov. 28**. Cost: $40 per person; $10 for a child accompanied by a paid adult.

Children & Youth updates

Third annual gratitude challenge

Everyone can join this WBLUMC November tradition! If didn't receive an orange November Gratitude Calendar in the mail, please pick one up from the Welcome Table in the narthex.

God's Creation calendars

Youth Ministry is not selling calendars this year, but you may order one online at https://calendars.com, then type in God's Creation in the search field. The calendars are $8.95 plus shipping.

Youth volunteer opportunity

Youth are invited to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children on **Thursday, Nov. 15**. Please contact Linnea asap for details: linnea.uhler@wblumc.org or text 612-501-7065.

New! Talent show sign-ups

Want to be in the spotlight? All children and youth to age 18 are invited to be in the UMW talent show on **Saturday, Dec. 8**. No tryouts necessary; anyone interested is invited to perform and you don't need to be a church member. Come sign up at **10am Saturday, Nov. 10,** in Fellowship Hall. Contact Karen Halsey at 651-426-4725 or email aehkah@yahoo.com.

Say cheese!

We're updating the church pictorial directory. The photo session will be on **Tuesday, Dec. 4.** If you had your photo taken in 2016, you don't have to get a new one. But please do if: you're new since the 2016 directory was done; you used a submitted photo in 2016; you didn't have a photo taken last time; or you just want a new photo. You'll get a new directory if your photo is in it, old or new.

Sign up in the narthex between services today; online through the church website, wblumc.org; or via this link: *https://tinyurl.com/*

Service opportunities

Century College Mobile Food Market: Please consider helping WBLUMC and Faith In Action staff this market in conjunction with the White Bear food shelf. We're looking for 6-7 volunteers 1-3:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month, September-May. Contact Joy Ballou at jijo242@q.com or call 651-653-0945.

Food shelf: Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can sign up on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. When we have 4-5 interested folks we can set up a training session at the food shelf.

Blankets for Bridging: All November, bring new or very gently used blankets for donation. Throws and twin, queen and king sizes are all needed. Put them in the basket outside Lori McBride's office.

BeFrienders: Abundant Aging Today

Are you finding certain tasks harder to do or do you have a neighbor or loved one facing difficulties? If so, join the BeFriender-sponsored talk with church member Roxanne Jenkins, who works for Lutheran Social Service. She helps seniors find ways to manage, so they may experience abundant aging. Sign up in the narthex or call Barb Hinz, 651-777-0465, or Roberta Schmidt, 651-653-0067. Bring a guest! Join us on **Thursday, Nov. 29**, at 7pm.