

God loves all people. So do we.

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

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 shgdahld2@comcast.net.

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

WBLUMC WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 20

9am—Traditions worship, Sunday School & nursery
9am—Convictions book study, room 200
10am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall
10:10-10:25am—Children's Choir rehearsal, room 205
10:45am—New Crossings worship, Sunday School & nursery

Monday, Oct. 21

10am—Hang Loose Women's AI-Anon, room 206
6:30-8pm—Convictions book study, room 200
7-8:30pm—Hearts & Hands knitting group, library

Tuesday, Oct. 22

2-3:30pm—Convictions book study, room 200
6-7pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall
7pm—Line 3 Pipeline 101 talk, room 200

Wednesday, Oct. 23

9am-1pm—PEO women's group, room 200
6-6:30—Tween-Teen Choir rehearsal, room 205
6:30pm—BreadX Talk, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm—Wednesday Night Children & Youth Activities
6:30pm—LGBTQ task force, room 200
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Oct. 24

7:10am—Men's breakfast group, library
9am-3pm—The Gathering, room 200 & Fellowship Hall
9am-4pm—Big Waters DCOM meeting, room 206
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA group, room 107
10-11:30am—Memory loss support group, library
6:30-8pm—Dialogues on Sexuality, room 200

Friday, Oct. 25

Office is closed; no scheduled activities.

Saturday, Oct. 26

7:30am—Men's prayer group, room 200
9am-1:30pm—Bread Oven Seminar, sanctuary/fellowship
9am—WBL Saturday morning women's AA group, room 200

Sunday, Oct. 27

9am—Traditions worship, Sunday School & nursery
10am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall
10:10-10:25am—Children's Choir rehearsal, room 205
10:10-10:35am—State of the UMC, room 200
10:45am—New Crossings worship, Sunday School & nursery
11:35am-1:30pm—New member class, room 206

Monday, Oct. 28

10am—Hang Loose Women's AI-Anon, room 206

White Bear Lake
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NOURISHING THE HUNGERS OF LIFE

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

gam Worship | Communion Sunday, October 20, 2019

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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"If you have never known
the power of God's love,
then maybe it is because
you have never asked
to know it —
I mean really asked,
expecting an answer."
~ Frederick Buechner

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" arr. by Joseph M. Martin

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP "The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee" Jean Berger
Chancel Choir

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)
A faith that transforms the heart,
A truth that illuminates the world,
A hope that cannot be quenched,
A reconciliation no matter the cost,
A love that never ceases,
A creativity that designed the universe,
These are the things that are of God,
Then let our whole being give praise and worship God.

+OPENING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

UNISON PRAYER

God of Love. In the stillness of Your presence, help us to know that your love is flowing through us. We so need your love and your strength to bring wholeness and healing into our lives and into your world.

To the powerful bring humility.
To the rich bring generosity.
To the influential bring opportunity.
To the oppressed bring liberation.
To the hard-hearted bring compassion.
To the suffering bring healing.
To the hungry bring nourishment.
To the grieving bring comfort.
To the sick bring wholeness.

Give us your love and your strength, so we may be the people you call us to be.
Amen.

WORSHIP
NOTES

About the anthem

The melody for this setting of this Native American poem is based on a pentatonic scale — using (mostly) only five of the seven notes found in the Western major scale.

About the scripture

This verse is commonly referred to as the Great Commandment or Greatest Commandment. Similar versions are found in the Gospels Mark and Luke. It is only in Luke that the commandment is explained further with the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus begins by reciting what is referred to in Judaism as the Shema Yisrael found at Deuteronomy 6:4-5 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.” Then connects it with Leviticus 19:18 “You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

ANTHEM

“Cherokee Traveler’s Greeting”

by Kevin A. Memley

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Matthew 22:34-40

Reader: Clint Hallmark

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

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

Convictions: To Love God is to Love Like God

Pastor John McBride

+HYMN

“The Gift of Love”

No. 408

CONNECTION CARDS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WORSHIP
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About the offering music

“Clair De Lune,” which means moonlight, is heard widely in movies, and TV shows.

By French composer Claude Debussy, “Clair de Lune” is the third movement of a larger work titled *Suite Bergamasque* .

ALTAR FLOWERS

The white rose on the altar and the floral arrangement is in memory of Ellen Fridinger, who died on Saturday, Oct. 12. Her funeral was at WBLUMC on Saturday, Oct. 19. She is survived by her husband, Tom, and sons Bruce and Steve and their families. Memorials are appreciated to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, Grand Central Station, PO Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777; or donor’s choice.

OFFERING

“Clair De Lune”

Isaac Hartman, piano

by Claude Debussy

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

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

“One Bread, One Body”

setting by John Carter

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Processional on “Ode to Joy”

Hal Hopson