

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 Worship | Communion Sunday | September 15, 2019

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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION
"Science cannot solve the ultimate mystery of nature. And that is because, in the last analysis, we ourselves are a part of the mystery that we are trying to solve."

~ Max Planck

Max Karl Ernst Ludwig Planck, (April 23, 1858-Oct. 4, 1947) was a German theoretical physicist whose discovery of energy quanta won him the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1918. Planck made many contributions to theoretical physics, but his fame as a physicist rests primarily on his role as the originator of quantum theory, which revolutionized human understanding of atomic and subatomic processes.

WORSHIP NOTES

Opening hymn: How Great Thou Art is a Christian hymn based on a Swedish traditional melody and a poem written in 1885 by Carl Boberg (1859–1940) in Mönsterås, Sweden. It was popularized by George Beverly Shea and Cliff Barrows during the Billy Graham crusades. *How Great Thou Art* was ranked second (after *Amazing Grace*) on a list of the favorite hymns of all time in a survey by Christianity Today magazine in 2001.

PRELUDE Leilani Lewis and John Koziol
Keyboards

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP "All Are Welcome" Marty Haugen, b.1950

OPENING WORDS (responsively)
God of many names and mystery beyond all our naming,
Guiding us together through the quiet measure of this moment.
God of many names and mystery beyond all our naming,
Center us together, heartbeat to heartbeat, so we may discover the reality of your sovereignty over all of creation.

God of many names and mystery beyond all our naming,
Link us together, heart to heart, so we might hold the suffering, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and comfort the mourning.

God of many names and mystery beyond all our naming,
Join us together, breath to breath, so we may sing and celebrate with joyful hearts the mystery of your divine presence in and through our lives. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 64
1) All 2) Women 3) Men 4) All

UNISON PRAYER
Creator God, Jesus revealed your grace and unconditional love for all that you have created. Grant us open minds and open hearts, so we may recognize and rejoice in your divine reality. May your Holy Spirit continue to guide us into the mystery of God, inspiring our teachings, our beliefs, and our understanding so we may become authentic pathways into your reality and into your mystery. Amen.

ANTHEM "How Great Thou Art" Stuart K. Hine
arr. Lori Line

WBLUMC WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 15: Fall worship times begin
9am—Traditions worship, Sunday School & nursery
9am—Convictions book study, room 200
10am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall
10:10am—Scripture reader training, room 200
10:10-10:25am—Children's Choir rehearsal, room 205
10:45am—New Crossings worship, Sunday School & nursery

Monday, Sept. 16
10am—Hang Loose Women's AI-Anon, room 206
6:30-8pm—Convictions book study, room 200
7pm—Hearts & Hands knitters, library

Tuesday, Sept. 17
Staff retreat offsite; office will be closed.
12:30-1:45pm—Faith in Action, library
6-8pm—Board of Directors, room 200
6-7pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 18
1-2:30pm—Prayer Team meeting, prayer room
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
6:30pm—Parent orientation meeting, room 200
7:30-9am—Chancel Choir rehearsal, music room

Thursday, Sept. 19
7:10am—Men's breakfast group, library
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA group, room 107
6:30-8pm—Convictions book study, room 200

Friday, Sept. 20
No scheduled activities; office is closed.

Saturday, Sept. 21
7:30am—Men's prayer group, room 200
9am—WBL Saturday morning women's AA group, room 200
10am—UMW presentation, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Sept. 22
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, Sept. 23
10am—Hang Loose Women's AI-Anon, room 206
7-8:15pm—Book Club, library

Tuesday, Sept. 17
2-3:30pm—Convictions book study, room 200
6-7pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall

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-Thursday 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.

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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



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WORSHIP
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Scripture

The Book of Job contributes to the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament. Job is a parable which addresses the problem of “theodicy” – the vindication of the justice of God in the light of humanity’s suffering.

The Book of Job is the first poetic book in the Old Testament and has been widely praised for its literary qualities. It consists of a prose prologue and epilogue which frames poetic dialogues and monologues. Some Biblical scholars view the narrative frame as the original core of the book, which was later enlarged by the poetic discourse. But recent trends have concentrated on the book’s underlying unity from prose to poetry and back to prose.

Alfred Lord Tennyson once called Job “the greatest poem of ancient and modern times.”

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 Job 38:1-18

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements — surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?

when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

It is changed like clay under the seal,

and it is dyed like a garment.

Light is withheld from the wicked,

and their uplifted arm is broken.

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,

or walked in the recesses of the deep?

Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.

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.**

WORSHIP
NOTES

Offering

The offering is closely tied to the church’s calling to serve and reach out. We offer not just a portion of what we have, but also our entire lives in service to God and God’s people.

Communion

Holy Communion is the sacrament that nourishes us in our journey by using real food and drink to re-enact Christ’s last meal with his disciples. Over and over again, it gives us the experience of being part of the church as the body of Christ in the world. Communion is open to all who wish to participate in Christian community.

MESSAGE

Convictions: God is Real & A Mystery

Pastor John McBride

+HYMN

“Lord of the Dance”

No. 261

CONNECTION CARDS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

“As the Deer”

Martin Nystrom

Based on Psalm 42:1

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

“In Remembrance of Me”

Words: Ragan Courtney

Text based on Matt 6:10; 1 Cor. 11:23 -25

Music: Burly Red

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

“Immortal Invisible”

arr. Joseph Martin

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week’s arrangement is provided by Carolyn and Terry Sayles in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.