

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.

10am Worship | Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021

PRELUDE More to This Life by S. C. Chapman and Phil Naish

WELCOME Pastor Christine Ford

OPENING SONG We Are Called No. 2172 v. 1-3; lyrics on screen

PRAYER Pastor Bill Eaves Children may stay with their families for worship. Sunday school will be back Sept. 19!

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-5, Romans 1:20-23

SONG Waiting on the World to Change by John Mayer

MESSAGE What Is Pastor Christine Ford

OFFERING What If? by Nicole Nordeman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING SONG Goodness Is Stronger than Evil No. 2219, twice through; lyrics on screen

BLESSING OF STUDENTS, EDUCATORS & PARENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Circle of Life by Elton John

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Trish Sisson and Jay Soulen, vocals; John Koziol, keyboards; Eric Bakke, sound technician; Jack McClure, PowerPoint

4pm outdoor worship & free community concerts are back!

TODAY: Sobieski String Quartet, classical music at its finest **Sept. 19** Salsa del Soul, high-energy music of the Spanish Caribbean

In case of bad weather, we'll move into the sanctuary, where masks are recommended. 10am in-person and online worship will continue.

Rally Day is coming soon | Sunday, Sept. 26

The Barley Jacks will return for 10am worship and will play at our bring-your-own picnic afterward. We'll also have fun outdoor activities and yard games — if you're willing to loan some games to the church for the day, we would greatly appreciate it. Please email *Missie.Aberle@wblumc.org* if you can help out.

We'll also have two ways to contribute to our community: We'll collect new or very gently used picture books for students at Willow Lane Elementary and we'll gather in room 200 after worship for a sandwich-making session for The Sandwich Project; email *Lori.McBride@wblumc.org* if you'd like to participate.

HAPPENING AT WBLUMC

Sunday school kick-off on Sept. 19: Kidpower With Rachael, a live music and animal show, has received rave reviews for the past 25 years. Rachael takes her audience on a musical journey that is both entertaining and educational. Her theme "Kindness is Cool" is weaved throughout the presentation using interactive music, live animals, her hilarious sidekick puppet Squeaky Bird, comedy, and storytelling. All kids toddler-6th grade are welcome to meet Rachel's animal friends at 10:10am in the Children's Auditorium downstairs on **Sunday, Sept. 19.**

Mission Deep Sea: Starting Sunday, Oct. 3, during the 9am worship hour, Sunday school will be open to children pre-K to 3rd grade. Explore the deep sea and see how deep God's love is!

Wednesday Night Programs: Connect for 6th- and 7th-graders plus Confirmation for 8th- and 9th-graders will begin on Sept. 22 from 6:30-7:30pm, and Friends 4/5 for 4th- and 5th-graders will start on Oct. 6.

Email *Missie*. *Aberle@wblumc.org* for information on how to register for Sunday school or Wednesday nights!

Gatherings with Associate Pastor Christine Ford: A fourth and final get-to-know-you gathering with Pastor Christine Ford and her family has been added for **6:30pm Friday**, **Oct. 15**, at the home of Faith Ralston. Three others are also still available: **6:30pm Thursday**, **Sept. 16**, at Jeff and Marcia Lantto's home, **2pm Saturday**, **Sept. 18**, at Jim and Linda Anderson's home, and **6:30pm Saturday**, **Oct. 9**, at Dennis and Stephanie Ondik's home. These events each have a limit of 10 guests; register in Realm or email *jodimullin@hotmail.com*.

Remembrances | Join **Ruth Teichroew's** family for an open house on **Sunday, Sept. 12,** to share memories and celebrate her life. A brunch buffet will be served from 11am-1pm at Paula and Tom Mason's home at 2 Larkspur Lane, North Oaks. With respect to all guests, we ask that masks be worn. Weather permitting, seating will be outside. ... **Don Craighead** will be remembered on **Saturday, Sept. 18**, 1-4pm, at Horton Pavilions at Heffron Park on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. ... **Marlyce Lee's** service will be at the church on **Friday, Oct. 1**, at 4pm. Refreshments will follow.