



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. 19, 2021

PRELUDE *I Can Only Imagine* by Bart Millard

WELCOME Pastor Bill Eaves

OPENING SONG *God Reigns O'er All the Earth* (Please see lyrics on screen)

PRAYER Pastor Christine Ford

Children may now join the Sunday School kick-off event in the auditorium downstairs.

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:18-25

SONG *The Power of One* by Israel Houghton

MESSAGE From What Is to What If: The Church We Inherited
and the Church the World Needs
Pastor Bill Eaves

OFFERING *Imagine* by John Lennon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING SONG *Go Make a Difference* by Steve Angrisano
(Please join in the refrain; see lyrics on screen)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's arrangement is provided by Pete and Judy Pedersen in honor of their wedding anniversary.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Mark Fleischhacker, vocals; **John Koziol**, keyboards;
Godfrey Holzbach, sound technician; **Mary Hullsiek**, PowerPoint



NEXT WEEK! The Barley Jacks will return for 10am worship on **Sunday, Sept. 26**, and will play at our bring-your-own picnic afterward. We'll have fun outdoor activities and yard games, and it will be a great chance to reconnect.

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 with Mission Deep Sea: Starting **Sunday, Oct. 3**, Sunday school will be open to children pre-K to 3rd grade during the 9am worship hour. 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 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. You may also still sign up for **3pm Saturday, Oct. 9**, at Dennis and Stephanie Ondik's home (*note the time change*). Limit 10 guests; register in Realm or email jodimullin@hotmail.com.

O.C. Ministries gala: Join keynote speaker Lori McBride at the annual O.C. Ministries fund-raiser from 4-7pm on **Sunday, Oct. 3**, at Birdi Golf in Woodbury. Lori is a member of the Board of Directors of O.C. Ministries, which is a ministry of the Minnesota Annual Conference. She's also Project Coordinator for the La Saline Project, which is a medical clinic, school and church outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. La Saline, an extremely impoverished area, is now an official project of O.C. Ministries. The family-friendly, COVID-safe afternoon will consist of a silent auction; casual golfing in the virtual golf bays; dinner featuring foods from Sierra Leone, Liberia, Jamaica and Haiti; and a program. You may also donate at ocministriesmn.org/gala.

Sponsorpalooza: WBLUMC and Common Hope have been mission partners for many years, providing the means to help students in Guatemala earn their high school diplomas, and to help families live in safe housing and obtain basic healthcare services. At present, families from WBLUMC sponsor 20 children affiliated with Common Hope. Congratulations congregation for your wonderful support! There are however, many more students who need financial assistance so they can continue to attend school. So, on Sunday, Oct. 10, a representative from Common Hope will be at the church to host a "Sponsorpalooza" event so you can find out how to help. We'll also celebrate the upcoming graduation of Luis Guillermo Gil Estrada, the student sponsored by the church who will graduate with a degree in Business Administration in November 2021! To learn more, go online to commonhope.org or email Lori.McBride@wblumc.org.

Many Faces, Many Stories: Our church has become a partner/sponsor of Many Faces, a collaboration of White Bear Lake area groups looking to build community by providing opportunities to listen, learn, reflect, and engage in conversations on equity, diversity, and inclusion. Formed in 2018, it includes churches, non-profits, civic groups, and school districts coming together to explore our history and acknowledge our changing demographics, to get to know our neighbors, and to better understand the role we each play in creating a more welcoming and inclusive community. As a church, we'll be highlighting this fall's local community events related to social justice, race, immigration, and voting. To learn more, go online to manyfaceswblarea.org.

September's book club: Join us via Zoom at 7pm **Monday, Sept. 27**, to discuss *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Contact Rick Flynn for the Zoom link or more information.

Remembrance | Marlyce Lee: A service for Marlyce, who died on June 26, 2020, will be held at the church on **Friday, Oct. 1**, at 4pm. Refreshments will follow.