



We are a community of faith seeking to provide nourishment for the hungers of life. We welcome all persons, inclusive of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability and circumstances of life.  
Welcome to White Bear Lake United Methodist Church!

*9 am Traditions | Sunday, March 27, 2022*

**PRELUDE** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*, George Elvey, arr. James Koerts

## **WELCOME**

### **OPENING WORDS**

Let us ask for the bread we need for today,  
**and may we be fulfilled.**

Let us seek the clean water we need for today,  
**and may we be quenched.**

Let us take what we need in order to thrive;  
**and let us leave enough for others to thrive as well.**

**OPENING HYMN** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*, No. 402 (v. 1, 2, 4)

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**ANTHEM** *At the River*, American folk hymn, arr. Aaron Copland

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Children pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may now leave for Sunday School.

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 6: 1-6 | Reader: Scott Ford

**HYMN** *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*, No. 286

**MESSAGE** Seeds of Goodness: Modesty | Pastor Christine Ford

### **CONNECTION CARDS**

**OFFERING** *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*, Stuart Townend  
Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (with the Lord's Prayer)**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN** *Our God is an Awesome God*, TFWS No. 2040 (sing 3x)

### **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Holy Bible, Book Divine*, William B. Bradbury, arr. Larry Shackley



**March 27, 2022 | Lent  
9am Traditions worship**

Masks are optional for those who are vaccinated. *10am online worship will continue.*

## HAPPENING AT WBLUMC

**Sandwich Making Today - Mar. 27**, immediately after the 9:00 service in Room 200. Sanitary gloves and face masks will be required. The **Sandwich Project Minnesota** is a grassroots organization dedicated to coordinating the production and delivery of sandwiches to homeless shelters and food shelves throughout the Twin Cities area.

**Lenten Study:** In-person, Room 200, **Wed. 1 pm, Mar. 2 – Apr. 20** with Pastor Bill Eaves, or **Zoom Tue. 6:30 pm, Mar. 8 – Apr. 19** with Pastor Christine Ford.

**Spiritual Practices Lenten Meditations**, with Pastors Bill and Christine, via **Facebook** or **YouTube**, **Mondays, 8pm, Mar. 7 – April 11**. A short evening meditation you can do to deepen your relationships to the sacred and the world around you, presented each week.

**Palm Sunday, April 10: one in-person service at 10am**, (online at 10am) featuring music from *Godspell* and *Jesus Christ, Superstar*.

**Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, April 14**, and **Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, April 15**, will be **online at 12pm** and **in-person at 6:30pm**.

**Easter Sunday, April 17**, will have **in-person services at 8:30 and 9:45am (Traditions) and 11am (New Crossings)**, online at 10am.

**Board of Directors nominations:** Each year some members of our Board of Directors end their term, and two or three new members join. This transition takes place July 1 each year, following the same schedule as other church committees and boards. Members of the congregation are invited to nominate people for the Board of Directors on the back of the green Connection Cards **during the month of March**. All names will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee for consideration; a slate of nominees for open positions will then be presented to the **May 22nd Church Conference** for a vote.

**Update on our 2022 stewardship campaign:** First, many thanks to all for your generosity and support! We have reached 94.6% of our goal. In dollars, we're \$43,000 short of our \$800,000 pledge target. As we come to the end of the first quarter of 2022, we are experiencing higher than anticipated monthly expenses despite ongoing efforts to conserve. Fully reopening from Covid will bring additional costs. Higher expenses coupled with lower pledge revenue may force us to cut the budget. Before we resort to that, we wanted to reach out to everyone once more and ask for your help. Please prayerfully consider pledging or increasing your pledge **by April 10**. Finance Committee will then meet to make recommendations to bring the budget into balance. Pledge cards are available on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. Financial Secretary Carolyn Keith will gladly help via email at [carolyn.m.keith@hotmail.com](mailto:carolyn.m.keith@hotmail.com), or phone, 847-431-0272, with any assistance you may need to pledge or update your pledge. Thank you and Blessings to you all! - Roxanne Jenkins, on behalf of WBLUMC Stewardship Committee.

**Mask policy updates:** In view of current CDC guidelines and the lower number of cases of COVID-19 in our community:

- Masks are optional for vaccinated people
- Those who feel sick are encouraged to stay at home and participate in worship and other events online
- Social distancing is still encouraged in worship because of the high level of respiratory particles when singing
- We continue to monitor case numbers and will make changes as needed.

**Humanitarian response in Ukraine.** All donations will be forwarded to UMCOR. Please make checks out to WBLUMC with UMCOR/Ukraine in the memo line. You may also donate online via Realm, by selecting Ukraine as the fund. Check the eblast for a direct link. Thank you.

**Call for art! Sunflowers for Ukraine:** We're seeking *original artwork* that features sunflowers, the national flower of Ukraine, to create a Gallery of Sunflowers to be displayed at WBLUMC **April 10-24**. For details on how to contribute artwork or to arrange to drop off artwork before April 9, please email Faith Ralston at: [Faith@faithralston.com](mailto:Faith@faithralston.com)

**March book club:** Join us **Monday, March 28**, to talk about *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn (2021) at **7pm** via **Zoom**. Email Rick Flynn at [rmflynn1@comcast.net](mailto:rmflynn1@comcast.net) for the Zoom link.

**Wild Game Dinner** will be at **6pm Monday, April 4**. **Signup sheets** to attend and to donate wild game are on easels in the narthex.

## TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Jared Burseth, piano; Brian Ingalsbe, cantor; Kirk Holslin, sound technician; Brian Mathewson, PowerPoint