



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 | April 24, 2022 – UWF Sunday

PRELUDE *Priere a Notre Dame*, from *Suite Gothique*, Leon Boellmann

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

OPENING WORDS

We hear your calling, Lord;

how can we keep from singing?

How can we keep our lips from proclaiming the good news,
that Jesus Christ is risen, bringing healing and forgiveness to all?

Through his life-giving blood, he has freed us,

making us a royal priesthood.

Whether we have seen or believe without seeing,

we have found life in his name.

In Christ's name, we give thanks and praise. **Amen!**

OPENING HYMN *My Life Flows On*, No. 2212 TFWS

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children pre-K through 5th grade may now leave for Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE John 20: 19-22 | Reader: Judy Slomkowski

ANTHEM *Take My Life and Let it Be*, arr. Todd Marchand
Meagan Seubert, soprano; Doug Nelson, organ

MESSAGE | United Women In Faith: We Are Witnesses | Lori McBride, Jan Morey, Cheryl Larsen

OFFERING *His Eye is on the Sparrow*, arr. Hopson
Meagan Seubert, soprano
Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN *Christ Is Risen*, No. 307

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro Maestoso*, from *Sonata No. 2* – Felix Mendelssohn

New name, new energy



United Women in Faith

United Methodist Women is now United Women of Faith. Help celebrate our history and our future at worship on Sunday, April 24!

Learn more about UWF & its goals at UWFaith.org



**April 24, 2022 | United Women in Faith (UWF) Sunday
9am Traditions worship**

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

HAPPENING AT WBLUMC

Welcome to Doug Nelson, new WBLUMC organist, whose first service is today. He'll play at the 9am service most Sundays and for special services. Doug has been a liturgical organist for more than 25 years, with a degree from the University of Minnesota. He enjoys how the organ can encourage the whole congregation to sing. Doug also plays string bass, fixes random things like lawnmowers, vacuum cleaners, and treadmills, and works in the Meals on Wheels program.

Welcome to Carolynne Matthis, interim bells director. She is Professor of Handbells at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she conducts two ensembles and teaches Handbell Techniques and Pedagogy. Carolynne has served as a clinician and conductor at local, area and national events. She has rung in Bells of the Lakes, a community handbell ensemble in the Twin Cities. In addition to handbells, she enjoys yoga, walking, gardening, spending time with family, and making sourdough bread.

Spring cleanup day is set for **9am Saturday, April 30**, and we could use some help raking, bagging, and removing leaves from the grounds, cutting back last year's growth in flower beds, and spreading mulch. If we can count on your help to keep our grounds as beautiful as always, please fill out the back of the green connection card, or email Trustee Chair Curt Merkle or Director of Operations Patricia Kytola.

Adopt a church garden. It's that time of year again! We need gardeners to join our crew to help tend the flower gardens that surround our church. More hands make lighter work! For more information, email Linda Anderson at ljranderson@comcast.net or call her at 651-777-3435.

Community garden plots: Larry and Denise Kerr will continue with the organization and operation of the garden for 2022 and are hoping to get a few more people to help with this committee. If interested, or if you have any questions, contact them at 651-484-6092 or email to denisekerr19@gmail.com. Garden agreements and applications are available online under Ministries, Community Gardens, or from the church office. You may request up to two plots by May 15.

Hearts and Hands group will be knitting or crocheting child-sized blue hats for the #HATNOTHATE anti-bullying campaign. Hats need to be completed by the middle of July. We are also continuing to knit mittens for two White Bear Lake area elementary schools. Anyone is welcome to assist with these projects! For more information contact Barb Hinz at 777-0465 or barbhinzwbl@yahoo.com.

Need someone to listen? We are all navigating through stressful times. If you think it would be helpful to have a trained listener available by phone or in person to meet with you or someone you know, please contact Barb Hinz (651-777-0465) to learn more about BeFriender Ministry, a confidential church ministry.

Racial Justice Initiative at WBLUMC: A small team of WBLUMC staff and laity are interviewing consultants who might be able to help guide us through the process: Board Chair Margie Grilley, board member Jan Peterson, Pastors Bill Eaves and Christine Ford, and Lori McBride, Director of Compassion & Justice Ministries. Soon we'll seek additional stakeholders from the congregation to participate in this process. **If you're interested, please email Margie Grilley at mgrilley@q.com or Lori McBride at lori.mcbride@wblumc.org.**

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.

Sunflowers for Ukraine: Original artwork that features sunflowers, the national flower of Ukraine, is displayed as a gallery for you to view at WBLUMC **April 10-June 1**.

April book club: the April selection is *The Bad Muslim Discount* by Syed Masood (2021). Join us **Monday, April 25**, to talk about *The Bad Muslim Discount* at **7pm via Zoom**. Email Rick Flynn at rmflynn1@comcast.net for Zoom link.

Women's Golf Group: Open to women of all ages, we play 9 holes of golf on Wednesdays either late morning or early afternoon at a different course each week. Play as your schedule permits. First golf outing will tentatively be May 18th at Gem Lake golf course. If you are interested in playing or would like more information, please contact Mary Cripe at suzary006@comcast.net; alternate contact is Carol Effertz 651-429-6023. We hope to see you soon.

Men's Golf Group at WBLUMC is starting again in May. If you are interested in joining, call or e-mail Paul Steffek at 920-493-2657 or pncsteff@aol.com.

Church Conference May 22, 10am in Room 200, to vote for **Board of Directors openings**.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Doug Nelson, organist; Meagan Seubert, cantor; Eric Bakke, sound technician; Brian Mathewson, PowerPoint