



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 | May 1, 2022

PRELUDE *Partita on "Alle Menschen müssen Sterben," Johann Pachelbel*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me, traditional spiritual*

OPENING WORDS

Now is the time to sing the good news of God:

who awakens us with dawn's embrace, who surrounds us with joy and life.

Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice:

to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment with a gentle hand and a word of hope.

Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God, from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

We will sing the good news of resurrection! We will rejoice in the God who loves us.

OPENING HYMN *Gather Us In, TFWS No. 2236*

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE Romans 12: 1-8 | Reader: Liz Kaufenberg

ANTHEM *Light Beyond Shadow, Dan Forrest*

MESSAGE: Decisions and Discernment | Pastor Bill Eaves

OFFERING *Aria, David Cherwien*

Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256

COMMUNION Hymnal pp. 17-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN *We Are Called, TFWS No. 2172*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fanfares, Jacques Lemmens*



EXCITING NEWS

Coffee time!

With COVID numbers staying low, we'll offer coffee and treats between services every Sunday starting May 1.

May 1, 2022

9am Traditions worship

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

HAPPENING AT WBLUMC

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

Coffee Fellowship today between services.

Black Girl Advocate (BGA) representatives are visiting us today. They will introduce themselves during both church services and will be in Room 200 between services to talk with anyone interested in hearing more about their mission. Money from our Endowment Fund helped four young women visit colleges they would not have been able to without the help of BGA.

Family night! Wednesday, May 4, 6-8pm: All WBLUMC families are invited to join us for brick-oven pizza, gaga pit games and s'mores. Join us!

Spring cleanup day is moved to Saturday, May 7, at 9am due to rain yesterday. If we can count on your help with cutting back last year's flower beds, raking, bagging, and mulching 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.

5k Run/Walk for our mission partner Nuestrs Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) will be Saturday, May 7, at Rosland Park in Edina. WBLUMC's Dawn and David Kittleson will be available between services this Sunday, May 1, to help people register for the event or to donate to NPH. You can also sign up for our local walk, planned for Sunday, May 8, at 11:45am, right after our 10:45am service. To walk on May 8, sign up in the narthex or email Lori McBride. For questions about NPH or the events, please email Dawn Kittleson or call her at 651-341-3038.

New Yogadevotion session is set for 6-7pm Tuesday evenings, April 26-June 14 in Fellowship Hall. Cost for the full session is \$72. If you have any questions or would like to join, call Carolyn Sayles at 651-779-0311 or email to tersay@msn.com. All are welcome!

Ring in Spring at a special handbells concert, Sunday, May 15 at 4pm. Bells of the Lakes from Hennepin UMC joins our Alleluia Ringers for a joint spring concert at WBLUMC! All are welcome to join us at this free community concert in the sanctuary. Spread the word, and bring a friend, neighbor, or family member! The program will include a freewill offering.

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 more people to help with this committee. If interested, or if you have any questions, call them at 651-484-6092 or email 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. We are seeking 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.

May book club: the May selection is *Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in WWII* by Daniel James Brown (2021). Join us on Monday, May 23, to talk about the book at 7pm. For the Zoom link, Email Rick Flynn at rmflynn1@comcast.net

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 is tentatively 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.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Chancel Choir; Doug Nelson, organist; Godfrey Holzbach, sound technician; Mary Hullsieck, PowerPoint