



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 15, 2022 – Confirmation

PRELUDE *The Old Rugged Cross* and *The Love of Jesus Medley*, arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *O How I Love Jesus*, 19th century American melody, words by Whitfield Annie Lynch and Meagan Seubert, soloists

OPENING WORDS

We are one body, Christ's body

and we are individually members of it.

We each bring our whole selves to the table

with the depth and breadth of our experience,
our loves and our losses, for the benefit of ourselves and each other.

We strive to see Christ's whole body thrive.

Using all the ways we can, In all the places we can, At all the times we can.

OPENING HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus*, No. 189 (v. 1-3)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 18: 10-19 | Reader: Sherry Jordon

ANTHEM *"For Good,"* from *Wicked*, Stephen Schwartz

MESSAGE Living the Journey | Pastor Christine Ford

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

OFFERING *Do Lord*, arr. Valerie Stephenson

Alleluia Ringers

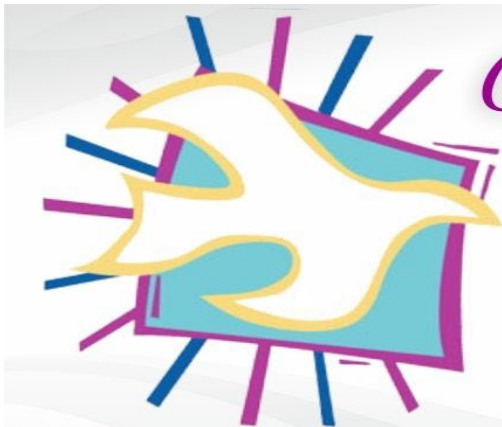
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, No. 400

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Beautiful Savior*, arr. David Cherwein



Confirmation Sunday

May 15 at 9am

Help us welcome Ihe and Lily
as the newest members of
White Bear Lake United Methodist Church!

**May 15, 2022 – Confirmation
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.

Please congratulate our 2022 Confirmands, Ihe Oji and Lillian (Lily) Jenkins.

New Member Class today, May 15, at 11:45 in Room 200.

Interested in joining White Bear Lake United Methodist Church? Join Pastors Bill Eaves and Christine Ford in Room 200 today at noon to learn more about this congregation, its mission, vision, and beliefs as well as opportunities.

Ring in Spring at a special handbells concert, today, 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.

Our summer schedule starts soon! We'll move to one blended in-person service at **10am, starting Sunday, May 29**. Online worship will also continue at 10am.

Plan to buy some bread at the Baking With A Purpose (BWAP) event on Sunday, June 5th. Baking will be done on Saturday and volunteer bakers are already in place. The charity for this event is the White Bear Area Food Shelf.

Welcome Kelby Werner: who will join us the first week in June as a summer ELI intern, exploring a call to ministry and learning about the mission of our church. Kelby grew up in Poplar, WI, and his home church is First UMC of Duluth. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. The Exploring Leadership Internship (ELI) Project provides hands-on learning experience for college students interested in vocational ministry. Kelby, who is now a student at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, will be participating in the ELI 2.0 internship which means he will divide his time between our church and working to gain a wider perspective of ministry in the Minnesota Conference.

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**.

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.

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. Email Rick Flynn at rmflynn1@comcast.net for the Zoom link.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Doug Nelson, organist; Meagan Seubert, Annie Lynch, vocal soloists; Godfrey Holzbach; sound technician; Gerry Keith, PowerPoint

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's arrangement is provided by Margie and Dorian Grilley, in loving memory of our mothers, Ethel Dederling and Shirley Wilde.