

APRIL 26, 2026 | 9am Traditions
Pastor Christine Ford

Easter

IN OUR BODIES: HEART

Join us for a thoughtful, embodied
journey through Eastertide.



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

PRELUDE "Moonlight Sonata," by Ludwig van Beethoven

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP "The Heavens are Telling," from *The Creation*, by Joseph Haydn

OPENING WORDS

Come, you who carry tender and restless hearts. **Bring your questions, your courage, your compassion.**
For the heart of Christ beats in mercy, justice, and love. **We gather to listen for that rhythm within and among us.**
May our hearts be opened, stretched, and made new. **And may love be the pulse that guides all we are.**

OPENING HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" | No. 500, v. 1, 4, 5

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, soften our hearts where they have grown hard, and awaken compassion where it has grown quiet.
Teach us to feel with one another, to listen deeply, and to act with courage and kindness.
May our hearts reflect your love, widening to embrace all people with grace, justice, and tender mercy.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Jesus is Alive, Let the Bells Ring," by Dottie Rambo

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Children may now leave for Sunday School; nursery is available for birth through age 3.

ANTHEM "Homeland," by Grace Coberly

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

OFFERING "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian," by Douglas Wagner
Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256

SCRIPTURE Luke 7:11-17 | Reader: Karen Thompson

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COMMUNION For those who desire gluten free bread and/or individual servings of juice,
go to the eucharist station on the communion table.

COMMUNION MUSIC "Be Thou My Vision," | No. 451

CLOSING HYMN "O God, Beyond All Praising," | No. 2009

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fugue in D Minor," by Felix Mendelssohn

Hearing assist devices are available for your convenience at the sound booth located at the back of the sanctuary.

See an usher for a large print hymnal.



WHITE BEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Nourishing the Hungers of Life

Sunday, April 26 | 9am Traditions
HAPPENINGS AT WBLUMC

Welcome New Visitors: First-time visitors are invited to stop by the Welcome Table in the narthex for a gift of freshly baked bread. If the basket is empty, ask a pastor and they'll be happy to assist.

Understanding Christianity through the Lens of World Views Workshops: WBLUMC member and retired pastor James Roe will lead a series of workshops tied to his April 23 presentation, "Understanding Christianity Through the Lens of World Views." The information is based on the work of the late Walter Wink, a United Methodist minister, theologian and activist.

Sundays • 4:00pm-5:15pm • Rm 200

April 26: Ancient & Spiritualist World Views

May 3: Materialist World View

May 10: Theological World View

May 17: Integral World View

Please register on realm or in the narthex! All are welcome!

Green Team to Celebrate Earth Day: Join us by celebrating Earth Day (April 22) by participating in the following:

- Visit the information tables set up in the Narthex TODAY!
- **Attend the book study** led by Pastor Christine on **Tues., Apr. 28 at 6:30pm** in rm 200.
- **Take a tour** of the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center Thurs., **May 7 at 2pm**. Registration is required in realm or sign up in narthex (limit to 25).
- **Join us for the BreadX:** "Minnesota Climate: Past, Current & Future," on **Thurs., May 14 at 6:00pm**. Registration is required in realm or sign up in narthex.

For additional information on any of these events, subscribe to the eBlast, visit <http://wblumc.org/viewcalendar>, or contact Margie Grilley at margie.grilley@gmail.com.

Spring Cleanup: It's time once again to join the trustees to clean up the church gardens and grounds, add mulch to the gardens, and work on our new pollinator garden. Join us on one or both days May 2nd and 16th from 9am-noon. Bring your rakes and gloves to help us get the church grounds ready for spring and summer. Event contact: Curt Merkle cemerkle@hotmail.com

Adopt a Garden: Our church gardens are beautiful, thanks to the care and dedication of those who tend them—and both staff and congregants deeply appreciate these efforts. If you're interested in helping maintain a garden plot in the flower beds around the church, we'd love to have you join us. Please email Linda Anderson at ljranderson@comcast.net, or 651-592-7452.

April Book Club: The title for April is "Atmosphere: A Love Story" by Taylor Jenkins Reid. We'll meet on **Mon., Apr. 27, 7-8:15pm**; meet in person in room 200 or via Zoom. Please email Rick Flynn rmflynn1@comcast.net for the Zoom link. Everyone is welcome!

Church Library Book of the Month for April – "How to Be Perfect": Let's be honest - your church librarian does not recommend books on moral philosophy every day. But stay with me here. Michael Schur, creator of "The Good Place", delivers a funny, thought-provoking tour of 2,400 years of ethics and how to live well. It's so engaging it inspired a youth Sunday School unit on "Making Life Choices." The book will be on display in the church library all April—stop by and check it out!

Baking with a Purpose (BWAP): Join us in Fellowship Hall between services on **Sun. May 3** for our BWAP event featuring craisin walnut, and both a white and whole wheat sourdough. In partnership with Faith in Action, the proceeds from the sale will be put towards Century College Scholarships. All bread is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. We look forward to seeing you!

Yogadevotion Summer Session: Our summer Yogadevotion will run Tuesdays, May 5-June 16 from 6-7pm in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$77 for this 7-week session. Register at <http://yogadevotion.com/classes>.

Church conference: We're planning a Church Conference on **Sun., May 10, at 10am** in room 200 for new council member elections. All members are welcome.

Good Mourning Concert: In collaboration with WBLUMC, vocalist and producer Jennifer Grimm returns with "Good Mourning," a powerful and reflective concert offering space for grief, healing, and remembrance through music. Join **us Mon., May 11 at 6:30pm** in the sanctuary as we gather with others carrying loss—recent or long-held—to reflect, remember, and be held in a shared experience of light and hope. For more information visit Jennifer's website <https://jennifergrimm.com/>.

Committee Meetings: Below are the May meeting dates for the church committees with elected members, in addition to the volunteer Worship Committee.

Mon., May 4: Worship Comm. Mtg., 5:30pm, library

Thurs., May 7: Staff-Parish Relations Comm., 2:30pm, rm. 206

Tues. May 12: Trustees Comm., 6:30pm, rm. 200

Thurs. May 14: Finance Comm., 7:00pm, rm. 200

Thurs., May 21: Church Council Mtg., 6:30pm, rm. 200

Church Calendar: Stay up to date on elected and volunteer committee meetings, events, classes and more at <https://wblumc.org/viewcalendar>.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Doug Nelson, piano; Chancel Choir;
Godfrey Holzbach, sound technician; Shelley Lian, PowerPoint