

May 31, 2026 | 10am Summer Worship

SOUL FRIENDS

Pastor Chris Kneen

*Frederick
Buechner*

We never really walk alone:
Soul Friends accompany us
on our spiritual journey.
Explore the path with us!

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 "Ciaccona in D minor" by Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP "The Call" by Ralph Vaughn-Williams

UNISON PRAYER

As summer begins, O God, help us listen closely to our lives and to your voice within us.

In moments of joy, rest, and change, teach us to notice your presence and follow where you lead.

Open our hearts to grow in kindness, courage, and gratitude throughout this season.

May this summer season renew our spirits and draw us closer to you and to one another. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" | No. 451

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Children are invited to return to their grownups and remain in worship. Sunday school will begin for the summer on June 7th; nursery available birth through age 3.*

ANTHEM "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Christine Ford

OFFERING "Allegro" by Franz Josef Handel
Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 1:1-9 | Reader: Liz Kaufenberg

MESSAGE Soul Friends: Frederick Buechner | Pastor Chris Kneen

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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" | No. 140

CLOSING HYMN "God Reigns O'er All The Earth" | see screens

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Finale" by Louis Vierne

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.

MUSIC ON THE LAWN

SUMMER 2026

4pm OUTDOORS* FREE CONCERTS ALL ARE WELCOME

JUNE 14	Pat Donohue & Prairie All Stars with Steven C & friends
JULY 19	Billy McLaughlin & SimpleGifts
AUG. 16	2 Girls and a Boyd featuring Aimee Lee
SEPT. 13	Good News Big Band with Andy Artz



Sunday, May 31 | Summer Worship 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.

Coming Up in Worship

Summer Sermon Series, "Soul Friends" begins today: We never really walk alone, "Soul Friends" accompany us on our spiritual journey. Explore the path with us on Sundays, through July 12 at our 10am in-person or online services!

Music on the Lawn: Select Sundays at 4pm

- **June 14:** "Pat Donohue and the Prairie All Stars" joined by Steven C & Friends—A special "Flag Day" concert featuring Acoustic Folk, Blues, Americana & Patriotic Music

Women's Golf Group 2026: This week on **Wed. June 3**, we play at Oak Glen Executive Course in Stillwater. If you are interested in playing or would like more information, please contact Marcia Lantto at malantto@hotmail.com, alternate contact is Carol Effertz 651-429-6023. We hope to see you on the course!

Baking with a Purpose (BWAP) TODAY: In partnership with Missions, we have baked to raise money for Bridging, where the homeless build a home. Today, we will have Honey Oatmeal (great for sandwiches), Craisin Walnut, and a Pain Au Levain Sourdough for sale in Fellowship Hall after service. Thank you for again making BWAP a success. We will return in the fall!

Rainbow Families: Are you the parent or grandparent of a member of the LGBTQ community? Join us for conversation and fellowship on **Thurs., June 4 at 6pm** in the library. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Questions? Contact LuAnn Roberts at robertsluann@yahoo.com or 218-590-6424. All are welcome!

Summer Sunday School: We look forward to welcoming the children back on Sun., June 7 for Sunday School. They will begin in worship with their families and then be dismissed for class. This year, our theme is "Snowball Mountain". Join us for music, bible stories, science, and activity stations. Older students may offer to help; please contact Joan with questions, joan.hartman@wblumc.org.

Art In the Hallway: Reminder, if you purchased a piece of artwork from the Randy LaFoy display, you may take your piece home after worship today!

Help Needed! An adult or teen is needed on Sunday mornings during the church service this summer to assist once or twice a month with a child with special needs so their parent can attend the church service. Skills needed are a willingness to listen to children's songs and to get needed supplies such as a wet paper towel to clean up after snack. You will be paired with a church member experienced in working with this child. For more information, please contact Barb Hinz at 651-777-0465 or barbhinz@juno.com.

Lost & Found: Items that have accumulated will be on display in Fellowship Hall beginning today through June 14. Any items not retrieved by that time will be donated to Goodwill on Mon., June 15. Please stop by to see if you've left something behind!

Carpet Replacement: Thanks to a generous donation we are replacing the carpet from the narthex to the east doors and the education wing. This is part of the repairs being done due to damage caused by the leaking skylight and its replacement. The installation is scheduled for the week of June 22nd.

Church Calendar: Below are June meeting dates for the church committees with elected members, in addition to the volunteer Worship Committee. Stay up to date on volunteer committee meetings, events, classes and more at <https://wblumc.org/viewcalendar>.

Mon., June 1: Worship Committee, 5:30pm, library
Thurs., June 4: Staff-Parish Relations Comm., 2:30pm, rm. 206
Tues., June 9: Board of Trustees, 6:30pm, rm. 200
Thurs. June 11: Finance Committee, 7pm, rm. 200
Thurs., June 18: Church Council, 6:30pm, rm. 200

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Doug Nelson, piano; Jacob Sorrels, cantor;
Kirk Holstin, sound technician;
Jack McClure, PowerPoint