

Sun., Mar. 8 | 9am Traditions

Pause with the *Psalms*

Pastor Christine Ford

This Lent, we journey through the Psalms
—honestly naming suffering, imagining
compassion, and embracing a faith
that holds both lament and joy.

The Psalms invite us to bring our whole
selves to God: our questions, weariness,
longing for justice, and hope.

We are a 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 "Psalm Prelude" | by Herbert Howells

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MINUTE Cans 4 Kids

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP "What Wondrous Love is This" | Marcia Lantto, bell tree solo; Doug Nelson, organ

OPENING WORDS

When we are weary and scattered, You draw us into rest. **You quiet our racing hearts and breathe life into our souls.**

In seasons of shadow and uncertainty, **we will not be overcome, for You are near.**

You welcome us to a table of grace, even in the midst of struggle. **You fill our lives to overflowing with mercy.**

Your goodness follows us beyond this hour, beyond this place. **We belong to You—now and always.**

OPENING HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" | No. 138, v. 1, 2, 6

UNISON PRAYER

**Steady Shepherd, meet us in our restlessness and lead us into quiet trust.
When shadows lengthen and courage feels thin, remind us we are not alone.
Set before us grace in the midst of struggle, fill our lives with mercy,
and guide us home to your abiding presence. Amen.**

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

ANTHEM "Grazioso" | by Arnold Sherman

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH see screens

OFFERING "The Lord is My Shepard" | by Malfred Malotte
Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 | Reader: Candace Anderson

MESSAGE Pause with the Psalms: Psalm 23 | Pastor Christine Ford

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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" | No. 381

CLOSING HYMN "Amazing Grace" | No. 378, v. 1, 3, 4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Amazing Grace" | by Christopher Pardini

**Hearing assistance 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.

Holy Week 2026

Palm Sunday, March 29

9am Traditions &
10:45am New Crossings;
church online at 10am

Maundy Thursday, April 2

7pm youth led service
w/New Crossings musicians

Good Friday, April 3

7pm with choir

Easter Sunday, April 5

9am & 10:45am
• same service, two chances to worship;
church online at 10am

Sun., Mar. 8 | 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 get a loaf for you.

Lenten Soap Drive: Continuing through **Sun., Mar. 29**; we will be collecting soap of all kinds—hand, bath, dish, and laundry—to benefit the **International Institute of Minnesota (IIM)**, a social services organization that supports the immigrant community. Look for the white bin in the narthex. Contact Dawn Kittleson or Christine Ford if you have any question: dmkittleson@gmail.com christine.ford@wblumc.org. You may read more about the IIM at their website <http://iimm.org>.

Sandwich Sunday Thank you: A huge thank you to the volunteers who made 300+ sandwiches for Waite House in Minneapolis on Sunday. Thanks also to Pat Olawsky who shopped for the meat, cheese and bread and to Mike & Barb Hinz for delivering the sandwiches to Waite House.

Coffee Gathering for Widows/ers: Attention widows and widowers: we invite you to join us for a warm and friendly coffee gathering on **Thurs., Mar. 19 at 9:30am** in the library. All are welcome; if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Karen Fairchild at 651-426-4725.

Dorcas Circle: A new diaper making opportunity! Come join Dorcas Circle on **Wed., Mar. 11 at 10am** in room 200 to help make diapers to be included in newborn birthing kits going to mothers and babies in Sierra Leon. We need anyone who can cut, fold, pin or sew. For more information contact Barb Hinz at barbhinz@juno.com or 651-777-0465.

Blood Drive March 11: Our church will once again be hosting a blood drive on **Wed., Mar. 11 from noon-6pm**. Join us in Fellowship Hall as we partner with the American Red Cross to help save lives. Every donation makes a difference. Visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and enter: WBLUnited to schedule an appointment for a time to donate. You may also call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Monday Night Book Club: The title for March is *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abe Dare. We'll meet on **Monday, Mar. 23, 7-8:15pm**; meet in person in room 200 or via Zoom. Please email Rick Flynn for the zoom link! rmflynn1@comcast.net.

BreadX: Join us on **Thur. Mar. 26 from 6-7:30pm** in Fellowship Hall to hear from speakers John & Mary Vanderheyden about the work of the Tanzania Life Project (TLP), a Minnesota-based nonprofit helping villages in Tanzania establish clean water supplies and other health improvements. TLP was a recipient of our Christmas offerings, and the youth in our church are learning about it as well. The evening starts with a soup and salad meal from Adult Faith Formation and volunteers from the congregation. If you'd like to help with the meal, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Baking with a Purpose: Join us in Fellowship Hall between services on Sun. Mar. 29 for our BWAP event featuring sourdough and craisin walnut. Proceeds will be used to purchase soap being donated to the International Institute of Minnesota (IIM) in partnership with Missions. All bread is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

March Committee Meetings:

Thurs., Mar. 12: Finance Comm., 7pm, rm. 206

Thurs., Mar. 19: Church Council, 6:30pm, rm. 200

*The Board of Trustees with NOT be meeting in March.

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

MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Alleluia Ringers; Meagan Seubert, cantor; Doug Nelson, organ;
Carolynne Mathis, bell director;
Kirk Holslin, sound technician; Gerry Keith, PowerPoint

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's arrangement is provided by Wayne & Sue Halena
in loving memory of their parents.

WHITE ROSES ON THE ALTAR

The white roses on the altar are placed in memory of Doreene Magnuson, who passed away on February 25, and Greg Cripe, who passed away on February 28. Please keep the families of Doreene and Greg in your prayers during this time.