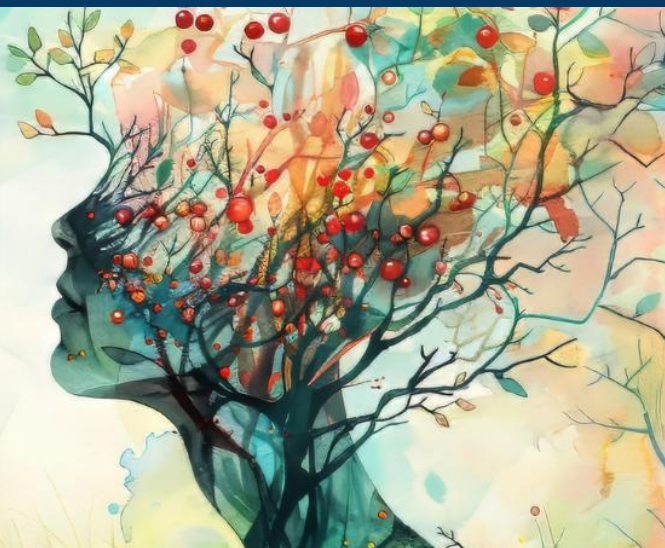


APRIL 12, 2026 | Traditions 9am | Pastor Christine Ford

Easter

IN OUR BODIES: SKIN

Join us for a thoughtful, embodied journey through Eastertide.



**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 "O Happy Day," arr. Pierre-Yves Plat

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP "Praise The Lord With The Sound of Trumpet," by Natalie Sleeth

OPENING WORDS

Come, all whose bodies bear witness to their lives. **We honor the stories our bodies carry.**

We are held in sacred worth, beyond measure. **For we are fearfully and wonderfully made, crafted with care, known in every detail.**

So come, bring your whole self—your history, your body, your story. **We resist shame, and we choose belonging.**

OPENING HYMN "Christ Has Risen" | No. 2115, v. 1, 2, 4

UNISON PRAYER

**Holy One, you who know us in every layer, we thank you for the stories written in our skin—
for marks of joy, signs of healing, and traces of where we've been.**

**Help us honor these sacred maps, to see beauty where the world sees flaw,
and to trust that every part of us is held in your love. Amen.**

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

ANTHEM "Ich Folge dir Gleichfalls" (I Will Follow Thee with Joy), by J.S. Bach

PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

OFFERING "Now the Green Blade Riseth," by Mark Sedio
Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256

SCRIPTURE Mark 1: 40-45 | Reader: Liz Kaufenberg

MESSAGE Easter in Our Bodies: Skin | 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 "Gloria, My Savior Lives," by Rob Gardner

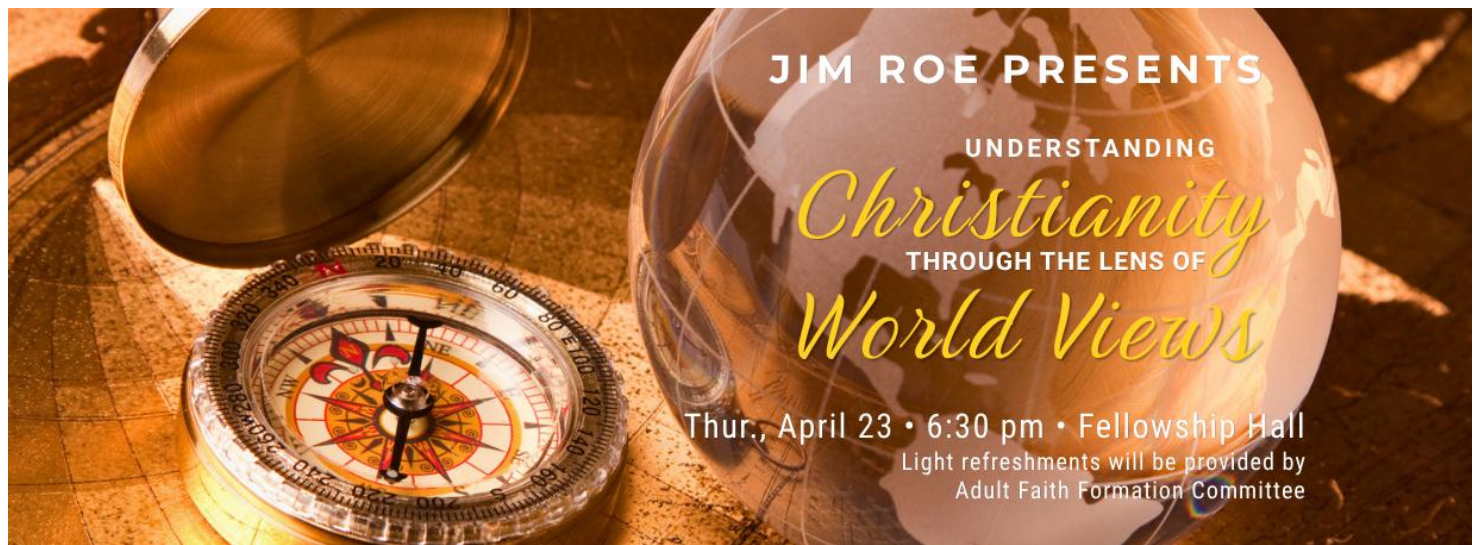
CLOSING HYMN "Christ is Alive" | No. 318, v. 1, 3-5

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Thine Be the Glory," by Alexandre Guilmant

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.



**Sunday, April 12 | 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.

Easter Offering Thank You: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Easter Offering for the International Institute of Minnesota's "Basic Needs Fund." The \$3,630 raised will go to support expenses of IIM's clients and students in need. Your gifts will make a huge difference.

New Member Class: We would love you to join us as members of WBLUMC! Please join us in room 200 on **Sun., Apr. 26, from 12:00pm to 2:30pm** where our pastors will be leading the session. Lunch will be provided for you. To sign-up, click on the register here button within the calendar event at <https://wblumc.org/viewcalendar>. Feel free to reach out to Pastor Christine christine.ford@wblumc.org if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you!

Understanding Christianity through the Lens of World Views: WBLUMC member and retired pastor James Roe will share his path to discovering the importance of world views, and explain the evolution of world views, based on the work of the late Walter Wink. Wink was a United Methodist minister, theologian and activist who played a major role in overcoming apartheid in South Africa. Jim will present an overview at **6:30pm, Apr. 23**, in Fellowship Hall, followed by a series of workshops in May that dive into each of the world views (stay tuned). Light refreshments will be provided by Adult Faith Formation Committee.

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

- Visit the informational tables set up in the Narthex on Sun., Apr. 19 and Sun., Apr. 26!
- Attend the book study led by Pastor Christine on Tues., Apr. 28 at 6:30pm.
- Take a tour of the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center Thurs., May 7 at 2PM.
- Join us for the BreadX: "Minnesota Climate: Past, Current & Future," on Thurs., May 14 at 6:00pm.

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.

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 lranderson@comcast.net, or 651-592-7452 for more information.

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 Rick Flynn rmflynn1@comcast.net for the Zoom link. Everyone is welcome!

Church Library—April's Book of the Month, "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!

Heads Up! Giving Statements Have Been Sent: If you pledged to WBLUMC for 2026, your three-month giving statement has been sent. If your email is in Realm, you should have received it April 3 via email; otherwise, it was mailed April 4. If you didn't pledge but would like a statement, contact Carolyn at carolyn.m.keith@hotmail.com or 847-431-0272. You can also view your giving anytime by logging into Realm and clicking the Giving tab.

Committee Calendar: Below are the April meeting dates for the church committees with elected members.

Thur., Apr. 13: Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm, room 200

Thur., Apr. 14: Trustees Committee, 6:30pm, room 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; Annie Lynch, cantor;
Bernie Kaerferlein, sound technician; Gerry Keith, PowerPoint