

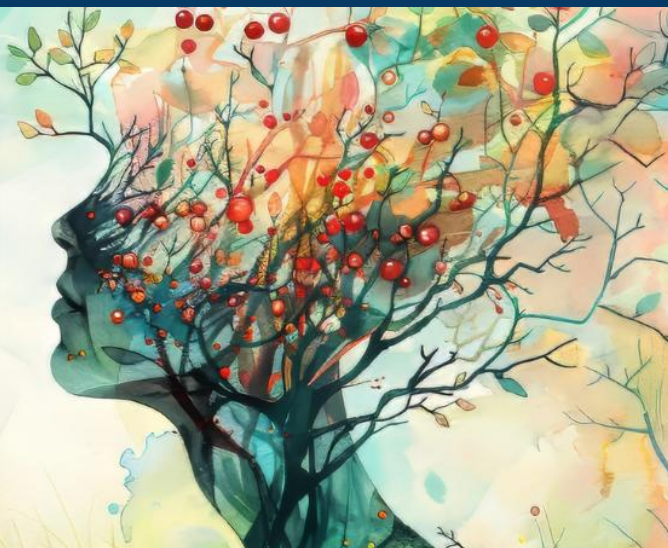
MAY 3, 2026

9am Traditions | Pastor Chris Kneen

# Easter

## IN OUR BODIES: HANDS

*Confirmation Sunday*



**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** "Toccatina and Fugue in D Minor" by J.S. Bach

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**OPENING WORDS**

God, you call us by name into this place. **In this hour, quiet our hearts so we may truly hear you.**

Tune us to your voice within, steady and clear. **On this Confirmation Sunday, we rejoice as our youth profess their faith in Christ and join us in serving in this ministry.**

Strengthen them, guide them, and root them deeply in your love. **We seek no other voice, and no other will we follow. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN** "The Summons" | No. 2130, v. 1, 4, 5

**A WORD FROM OUR CONFIRMANDS**

**THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION**

**ANTHEM** "Let Everything that Hath Breath" by Jefferey Ames

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Pastor Christine Ford

**OFFERING** "Prelude in C," by J.S. Bach  
*Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256*

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 25:31-46 | Reader: Amy McNabb

**MESSAGE** Easter In Our Bodies: Hands | 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** "For the Beauty of the Earth" | No. 92

**CLOSING HYMN** "The Church's One Foundation" | No. 546, v. 1, 3, 5

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Fanfare" by Jacques Lemmens

*\*After the service, please join us in Fellowship Hall to congratulate the newly confirmed.\**

*\*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, May 3 | 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.

**World-View Workshops:** Sundays thru May 17, 4:00–5:15pm, rm 200—Today's session will explore and compare the Spiritualist and Integral worldviews. Each workshop includes a presentation followed by small group discussion. Participants are encouraged to read "The Powers That Be" by Walter Wink. Register through Realm or simply drop in—everyone is welcome!

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

- **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, please contact Margie Grilley at [margie.grilley@gmail.com](mailto:margie.grilley@gmail.com).

**Missionary Reception:** Join us **Thurs., May 7 at 4:00pm** in Fellowship Hall for a reception to meet UMC missionary Lorraine Charinda. Lorraine serves with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries in the agricultural sector of the Democratic Republic of Congo. A missionary since 2017, she is visiting the U.S. to share about her work and connect with covenant partners. Light refreshments will be served.

**Rainbow Families:** Are you the parent or grandparent of a member of the LGBTQ community? Join us for conversation and fellowship on **Thurs., May 7 at 6:00pm** in the church library. Questions? Contact LuAnn Roberts at [robertsluann@yahoo.com](mailto:robertsluann@yahoo.com) or 218-590-6424.

**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/>.

**Women's Golf Group 2026:** We will be golfing as a group again this summer. Women of all ages who are interested in playing a social round of golf are invited to join this group. We play 9 holes of golf on Wednesdays either late morning or early afternoon at a different course each week. You play as your schedule permits. Tentatively our first golf outing will be **Wed., May 13th** at Gem Lake Hills Golf Course. If you are interested in playing or would like more information, please contact Marcia Lantto – [malantto@hotmail.com](mailto:malantto@hotmail.com), alternate contact is Carol Effertz 651-429-6023. We hope to see you soon.

**Dorcas Circle:** We meet on **Wed., May 13th at 10:00am** in room 200 for our year end salad luncheon. We will be hearing an update from Emma Norton services which provides housing and related services to women and children experiencing homelessness or living with mental illness in St. Paul. All who are interested in learning more about Emma Norton are welcome to attend. For questions, contact Eva Shipley at 651-238-4107.

**BeFriends Ministry** is sponsoring a nature walk at Tamarack Nature Center on **Mon., May 18th at 2:00pm**. We will have a guided walk with a retired Methodist pastor. All are welcome. For questions, contact Barb Hinz at [barbhinzwbl@yahoo.com](mailto:barbhinzwbl@yahoo.com) or 651-777-0465.

**May Book Club:** The title for May, our last for this reading year, is "The Women of Arlington Hall" by Jane Healey. We'll meet on **Mon., May 18, 7-8:15pm**, with your choice of in-person in room 200 or via Zoom. Please email Rick Flynn [rmflynn1@comcast.net](mailto:rmflynn1@comcast.net) for the Zoom link. Everyone is welcome!

**Adopt a Garden:** Our beautiful church gardens thrive thanks to dedicated volunteers—greatly appreciated by all. Interested in helping? Please email Linda Anderson at [lranderson@comcast.net](mailto:lranderson@comcast.net), or 651-592-7452.

**Committee Meetings:** Below are this weeks 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

**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;  
Scott Stillman, sound technician; Gerry Keith, PowerPoint

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are from David and Dawn Kittleson in loving memory of Marilyn Kittleson.