

June 21, 2026 | 10am Summer Worship

SOUL FRIENDS

Pastor Chris Kneen

Marilynne Robinson

**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 "Pastorale" by Cesar Franck

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP "The Cloud's Veil" by Liam Lawton

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, we gather in Your presence with hearts open to receive Your grace.

Help us recognize the holy mystery that shines through simple moments, everyday encounters, and ordinary acts of love.

Quiet our distractions so that we may hear Your voice in one another and in the world around us.

May this time of worship awaken us to Your presence and deepen our trust in Your guiding love. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" | No. 133

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

ANTHEM "You'll Never Walk Alone" by Richard Rodgers

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Christine Ford

OFFERING Medley: "This is My Father's World" & "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256

SCRIPTURE John 6:48-56 | Reader: Roberta Schmidt

MESSAGE Soul Friends: Marilynne Robinson | 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 "It is Well with My Soul" | No. 377

CLOSING HYMN "What a Friend we Have in Jesus" | No. 526

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by Charles Ore

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.

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**Happy
Father's
Day!**



**Sunday, June 21 | 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.

Women's Golf Group: This week on **Wed. June 24**, we play at **Keller Golf Course in Maplewood**. 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!

Sandwich Sunday: Join us for sandwich-making **TODAY at 11am** right after our 10am service. Our sandwiches go to Waite House in Minneapolis to serve those experiencing food insecurity. We'll make 300 bologna and cheese sandwiches in room 200. All are welcome to help; gloves and masks are required. This is a fun activity and a good way to get to know people in the congregation. You're welcome to grab a doughnut and coffee before coming to help!

The Misquoted Bible Class Series: Have you ever wondered if that parable or quote is actually in the Bible? If it is, do we even use it correctly? If it's not, why do people think it is? In this series we will explore quotes and witticisms often attributed to the Bible and find out if they really mean what we think they do. Starting **June 23 - Aug. 4 from 2-3:30pm**, join Pastor Christine for this 6-week class on Tuesdays in room 200.

Volunteers Needed for Worship Technology: We are looking for volunteers to help run the worship PowerPoint presentations and sound system during our worship services. No prior experience is necessary as training will be provided. For more information about what is involved or to volunteer, please contact Steven C Anderson at stevenc.anderson@wblumc.org. Your assistance helps make our worship services run smoothly and is greatly appreciated!

Together on the Hill—July 4th Patriotic Concert: Celebrate America's 250th at a free patriotic concert on **Sat., July 4, at 7:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Featuring Steven C Anderson, Pat Donohue, Richard Kriehn, and others. Concert concludes before fireworks.

Free tickets: <https://StevenCAmerica.eventbrite.com>

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

Tues., June 23: Church Council, 6:30pm, rm. 200

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Doug Nelson, organ; Paul Gutmann, cantor;
Kirk Holslin, sound technician;
Tammey Busch, PowerPoint

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's arrangement is given by Clare Thorwick's family in celebration of her 95th birthday. A dear friend of Clare, Lydia, affectionately gave her the nickname "Lily," reflecting her lifelong preference for simple, carefree living and her habit of wearing hand-me-down or handmade clothing. Her family is reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 6:28-29: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these."

Adding to the joy, Clare recently welcomed her ninth great-grandchild, who was named Lily. The lilies on the altar today are in honor of Clare and the beautiful legacy she continues to share with her family.

Happy 95th Birthday, Clare!