

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

***CALL TO PRAYER**

We are here together
in the name of Christ Jesus,
in the presence of an awesome, Holy Love.

A person without God is like a feather in a perpetual wind,
blown all over the place without any control
or choice in where to rest.

**O come, let us return to the living God,
Let us stand in awe before the One
who is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.**

***SHARING THE PEACE**

***OPENING HYMN**

"All Creatures of Our God and King" UMH #62

CHILDREN'S TIME

TIN CUP OFFERING

Shepherd's Hand Free Clinic : providing medical & dental care
for underserved people in the Flathead Valley.
Tin Cup is a chance to give to a variety of missions chosen by WUMC youth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

SCRIPTURE

James 1:17-27

MESSAGE

Morie Adams-Griffin

***HYMN**

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH #277

PRAYER TIME

Community Prayers
Silent Prayer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Holy and Gracious God,
we give you thanks for family, friends, life, love—
for all the blessings (*name blessings and thanksgivings*)
you have bestowed upon us.
In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our Mothers and Fathers,
your desire for us leads the way,
may we have the ears to hear the cries of this world –
responding with Your hope.
In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate One,
fill us with your love
that we may see deeply into all the needs around us,
(*name the hurts, needs, and hope you are carrying.*)
Help us to care with Your heart.
In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May Your love, Your grace, Your compassion, Your mercy,
carry us away, this day
and lead us with love
to be Your hands and heart in the world. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever. Amen

***HYMN**

"I Love to Tell the Story" UMH #156

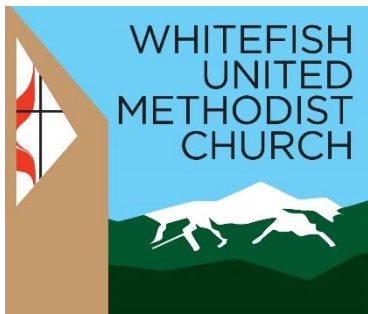
BENEDICTION

Go out, and be doers of the Word.
Cleanse your hearts of all pollution,
be quick to listen and learn,
welcome the Word that God implants in you,
and bring it to birth in acts of righteousness and compassion.
And may God pour grace upon you and bless you forever;
May Christ Jesus reveal to you the truth of God's ways;
and may the Holy Spirit fill your life with passion and love.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

***POSTLUDE MUSIC**





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FELLOWSHIP: Ronica & Gayle

Announcements

LENT SERMON SERIES: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO TED

God's presence is continually meeting our deepest longings, & that interaction is not limited to "religious" language. Therefore, during Lent pastor will explore God's presence through ideas shared in popular TED Talks. Invite family, friends & neighbors to join you for worship during this Lenten series. If you can't make it one week, messages will be on our website whitefishumc.org

BLACK TIE & BLUE JEANS : NEXT WEEK

Rainbow's End annual benefit is **NEXT Saturday, Feb. 24th**. Do you have your ticket yet? Don't miss the best silent & live auction in town paired with a prime rib dinner at the Lodge! **Tickets are \$40 each or table of 10 for \$350**. See Ronica today! **Tickets MUST be purchased by Wednesday afternoon!!**

FEBRUARY FOOD BANK NEWS

North Valley Food Bank is collecting breakfast items such as granola bars, cereal, oatmeal, etc. for the winter months. Thanks!

PLEASE TEACH CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Still looking for volunteers to teach **April & May**. The curriculum is all planned! "Team" teaching is ok too! **Please sign up TODAY!**

DISTRICT GATHERING COMING IN MARCH

Pastor Morie invites everyone to join him **March 3rd, 10am-3pm, at Epworth UMC in Kalispell**. People from all over the newly forming Mountain Sky Area (MT, WY, CO & UT) are joining together via teleconferencing. It's a chance to experience our connectedness in a new & different way as we learn, share & pray together. Cost is \$15 (lunch included). Scholarships available. Register at mtnskyumc.org/districtgathering & contact Morie with questions.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

We're updating again! If your info has changed or if you're new & would like to be included in our directory, fill out an update slip!

This Week

TODAY

Adult Bible Study 9a

WEDNESDAY

Youth Group 6:15p

THURSDAY

Bulletin Deadline 9a

SATURDAY

Black Tie & Blue Jeans

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Bible Study 9a

Volunteer!

Get involved! Sign-up today in the narthex or visit whitefishumc.org

- Liturgist on Sunday
- Bring altar flowers
- Lead fellowship
- Provide a meal for Youth Group
- Teach Sunday School

Easy Giving

Scan the QR code for a fast & easy way to give! Click on "QUICK GIVE".

Most smartphones offer free QR reader downloads.



James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.



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