



blaine memorial
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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#BeUMC

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**What are the
characteristics of
grace-filled people?**



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All are Welcome Here!

Our core belief is that each person is a beloved child of God - whose giftedness we value and whose presence and participation are a blessing to our community, and to the Kin-dom of God in the world.

Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church affirms our core value of Radical Hospitality, and as a community, we are an inclusive Church that welcomes and extends every part of its ministry to all persons regardless of race, ethnicity, income, age, generation, political affiliation, theological stance, sexual orientation or gender identity.



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Thank you to Miriam Tong for creating today's altar flower arrangement!

Ways to Give

- **ONLINE:** Click the Realm logo at blaineonline.org or scan the QR code on the right.
- **MOBILE:** Download the free "Realm Connect" app. Use your sign-in and click GIVING. Contact the Church Office, blaineoffice@yahoo.com for a Realm sign-in.
- **TEXT:** Text BLAINE to 73256. Click the link you receive and follow the prompts.
- **MAIL:** Mail a check to: Blaine Memorial UMC at 3001 24th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98144.

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Jarrett Shirouzu, Rachel Ono-Lim, David Akiyama,
Kai Yamamoto
Lynne Onishi
Kaylee Yokoyama
Kai Yamamoto
Sai Hanaoka
Yuki Sofronas
Mimi Mar



Brad Miyake
Lisa Mar
Sally Sekijima
Arlene Naganawa
Ron Nobuyama, Brian Okura
Bob Sekijima, Gayle Miyake
Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi
Ron Nobuyama, George Yates



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023 • Hybrid Worship
10pm in the Sanctuary

Prelude

"When God Restored Our Common Life"
by U.S.A. Folk Melody
Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Opening Hymn

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"
(UMH #454)
Kathy & Eugene Onishi, Unison

Opening Prayer

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23 (NRSVUE)
詩篇 23 (JLB)
Marisa I. & Tsutomu Nagoya

Children's Message

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Special Music

"And Can It Be that I Should Gain"
(UMH #363)
Blaine Memorial Choir

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NRSVUE)
エペソ人への手紙 2:1-10 (JLB)
Ron Nobuyama & Tsutomu Nagoya

Sermon

"#BeUMC: Grace-filled People of God"
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Hymn of Response

"Christ Has Broken Down the Wall"
(Worship & Song #3122)
Kathy & Eugene Onishi, Unison

Introduction to the Offering

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All..." (UMH #94)
Kathy Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Closing Hymn

"Together We Serve"
(TFWS #2175)
Kathy & Eugene Onishi, Unison

Benediction

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Postlude

"You Are Mine"
by David Haas
Kathy Onishi

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Jeney Park-Hearn

Sermon Reflection Questions

1. Ephesians 2:1-10 tells us that we are saved by God's grace, which is important because it highlights that our salvation is not something we can earn or achieve through our own efforts.

Why is it important to know that God's grace saves us?

2. How does understanding salvation as a gift from God help us view our faith?
3. What are the characteristics of grace-filled people? How does the fruit of their lives reflect this grace?
4. As grace-filled people, how do you plan to share the love and grace of God with others this week?

Sermon title and questions are adapted from #BeUMC campaign website <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/>

Upcoming Lectionary Scriptures

Monday 5/1

Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23;
1 Peter 5:1-5

Thursday 5/4

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3;
Acts 6:8-15

Tuesday 5/2

Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31;
Hebrews 13:20-21

Friday 5/5

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12;
Acts 7:1-16

Wednesday 5/3

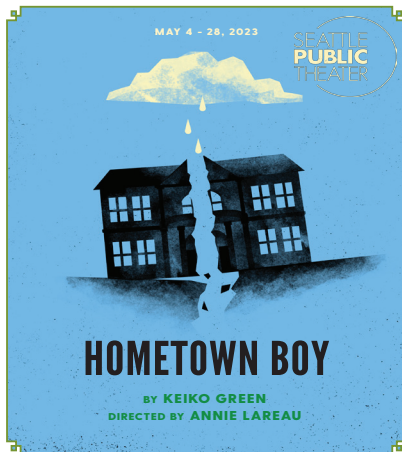
Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8;
Matthew 20:17-28

Saturday 5/6

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24;
John 8:48-59

Announcements

New! Blaine Memorial UMC Church Member Stephen Sumida in "Hometown Boy" play ▶ Throughout the month of May



An image of the Hometown Boy poster.

Seattle Public Theater presents "Hometown Boy," starring our very own Stephen Sumida. Performances will run every weekend in May, beginning on Friday, May 5, 2023. If you'd like to see Steve perform as "Walter," please purchase your tickets at <https://www.seattlepublictheater.org/>. If you have ticketing questions, or would like help with purchasing tickets, please contact the box office at boxoffice@seattlepublictheater.org.

About Hometown Boy

James hasn't been back to his rural Georgia hometown in over a decade, but reluctantly returns to check in on his father, whose behavior has become worryingly erratic. And since the South has a way of holding onto secrets, he soon stumbles into a life he thought he had left behind as a child. That stench in the air isn't just his father's decaying house, but the rotten core of long-buried secrets teeming just under the surface and ready to explode.

Wednesday Coffee & Prayer ▶ May 3 • 9am on Zoom



Please join Rev. Karen for a time of meditation and prayer on Wednesday, May 3 at 9am. The Wednesday Prayer group continues to meet each week. Our time together consists of a check-in question centering around United Methodist Founder John Wesley's famous question, "How is it with your soul?"

We continue our time together with a few readings out of *The Upper Room* Magazine May/June edition.

Finally, we end our time together with a pastoral prayer. We pray for anyone who would like to be prayed for. Please join us! Brew a fresh cup of coffee or steep some tea. This is a great opportunity to pause in the middle of the week to check in with others. The Zoom link will be sent out prior to gathering on Tuesday.

JCCCW Community Event for Children's Day ▶ May 6



May 6 | 11AM - 5PM | Free Family Event!

at the JCCCW ワシントン州日本文化会館 1414 S. Weller St., Seattle WA 98144

Please check for updates at www.jcccw.org/kodomo-no-hi

Apply Now! Blaine Educational Scholarships ▶ Due May 17

The Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Educational Scholarships are designed to support the mission of the church through supporting a multitude of educational opportunities. We are proud to have helped students in their pursuit of continuing education since 1968. Applications are due **May 17**. We are blessed to offer the following scholarships: the Vera Ing Scholarship, Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Scholarship, Yasuda Scholarship, William S. Yorozu Scholarship, and the Robert S. Sato Scholarship. **Scan the QR code** or visit blaineonline.org for more information.



Blaine Cookbook needs your recipes! ▶ Due May 31



Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church will release a 120th Anniversary Edition of “Let’s Dine!”, the latest in a series of cookbooks produced by Blaine Memorial over the past 70 years. This cookbook will commemorate the 120th Anniversary of Blaine Memorial, with a scheduled release of January 2024. We are seeking submissions for the 2024 cookbook and are calling on you to contribute! **Scan the QR code** to visit blaineonline.org for info.



Summer Camps & VBS 2023! ▶ See Dates



This summer’s Camping Ministries and Vacation Bible School schedules are out! Please save the dates for your children and youth!

June 25-30	July 10-14	July 23-28
<p>Jr/High Camp (for incoming 6th-9th graders)</p> <p>Jr. High Camp registration is open now! Please register your youth by May 31!</p>	<p>Vacation Bible School 10am-3pm</p>	<p>Asian Camp (for incoming 10th grade-2 yrs. post-high school)</p>



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

As a Church and people who believe in the power of prayer, let us continue to lift up these persons in the joys and concerns that they are experiencing in their lives.

THOSE MOURNING THE PASSING OF LOVED ONES

- **Bob K. Watanabe**, 98, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at his home in Bellevue, WA. He is survived by his children, Linda Watanabe, Paul Watanabe (Diane), Donna Sekijima (Bob) and Susan Bryant (Chuck); seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Bob enjoyed bowling, clam digging and Masutake hunting. He loved his family with all of his heart. A private memorial service will be held at a future date at Blaine Memorial UMC.
- **Christine Joy Yada**, 73, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 10, 2023. She is survived by her husband, Jeff, children, Jason and Shelley, sister, Julie Tanagi Lock, and sister-in-law, Gail Yada Hikida. Christine enjoyed shopping, reading, going to Hawai'i, and loved cooking and feeding her family and friends. A private burial service was held at Evergreen Washelli on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. A public memorial service was held on April 15, 2023 at Blaine Memorial UMC.
- **Masa Hirano**, 101, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at her home in Clyde Hill, WA. She is survived by her daughter, Carrie Dodobara (Gary); three grandchildren: Steve Dodobara (Mindy), David Dodobara (Rajae Chbihi), Lisa Simpson (Mike); and seven great-grandchildren: Kenji, Cash, Ryan, Samya, Emma, Gunnar and Decker. Masa enjoyed activities with her seven great-grandchildren and loved the fellowship with the Tuesday Ladies for many years. A private memorial service will be held at Evergreen Washelli in the near future.

THOSE EXPERIENCING HEALTH CONCERNS

- **Emi K.**, daughter of Jackie and Chris and granddaughter of Lisa Mar and John Hodge. Emi is currently in her fourth round of chemotherapy.
- **Jim Roney**, uncle of Marina Kozu, who is having spinal surgery this month.
- **Suma Yagi**, who is recovering from multiple surgeries.
- **Shigeharu Ago**, father to Yuki Sofronas who is recovering from being hospitalized in Japan.

THOSE IN CANCER TREATMENT OR REMISSION

- **Quy Phi** • **Nikki Palmer** • **Linda Perry** • **Doris Fraley**
- **KT Aegerter** • **Chuck Sitkin** • **Dean Tsuchida**

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES OR CARE FACILITIES

- **Dorothy Akiyama**

THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS, RECOVERY

- **Connie Sekijima** • **Greg Ogata** • **Tami Mitsui**
- **Wyman Martin** • **Marcia Takahashi**

CELEBRATIONS

- Thank you to **every person** who helped to make our **Sukiyaki Take Out** event successful and special! Thank you for taking the week to prepare, cook, clean, wash, create, call, email and to bring back the Blaine energy to our neighbors and our friends in the community.
- Thank you to **every person** who helped clean the church campus! Thank you for trimming the trees and for pruning our bushes, amongst many other tasks involved. Thank you for each person who cleaned our sanctuary and various interior areas. Thank you to the people who cleaned out our air purifiers. Our church looks better because of you!
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating **April birthdays and anniversaries!**

FOR OUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

- We continue to pray for the safety of our **LGBTQI+ siblings** and for a just, inclusive future within The United Methodist Church. We pray that we are guided by love and the hope for a world where all people are celebrated and loved, where their rights are secured and where their sexual and gender diversity is valued.

FOR OUR COMMUNITY, NATION, AND WORLD:

- Prayers for the **people** in Sudan. We pray for peace in a country with a violent power struggle within military leadership. Many people have been killed in "deadly ethnic clashes" in West Darfur's capital city El Geneina since the beginning of the week. May people find drinking water and food. May those who covet power and those who seek to fight choose to walk the path of peace.
- Prayers for the **people** who have been devastated by recent natural disasters including our siblings in the Midwest and Southern states. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Surround them with our prayer for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the long road of rebuilding ahead.