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May 7, 2023

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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.



Ministry Staff Team & Worship Celebrants

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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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Kai Yamamoto
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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



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023 • Hybrid Worship

10pm in the Sanctuary

Prelude

"In Moments Like These"

by David Graham

Leann Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Opening Hymn and Opening Prayer

"How Can We Name a Love" (UMH #111)

Miriam Tong, Leann Onishi, Neil Komedal

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Transfer of Membership

Alma Santos, Edwin Santos and Joshua Santos

First Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10 (CEB) / ペテロの手紙I 2:10 (JLB)

Kobe Yamamoto & Tsutomu Nagoya

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21 (CEB)

ローマ人への手紙 12:9-21 (JLB)

Kobe Yamamoto & Tsutomu Nagoya

Sermon

"#BeUMC: ??? People of God"

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Hymn of Reflection

"Help Us Accept Each Other" (UMH #560)

Miriam Tong, Leann Onishi, Neil Komedal

Reconciling Ministry Moment

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Holy Communion

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park and

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Communion Special Music

"The Sweetness of Mary" by Joan MacDonald

Boes, arr. by Brenda Hunter

"Amber Waltz" by Mick Doherty

Leann Onishi

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

(UMH #94)

Miriam Tong, Leann Onishi, Neil Komedal

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Closing Hymn

"Because He Lives" (UMH # 364)

Miriam Tong, Leann Onishi, Neil Komedal

Benediction

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Postlude

Traditional American fiddle tunes

Leann Onishi

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Jeney Park-Hearn

Sermon Reflection Questions

1. As a church, we sometimes struggle with a diversity of opinions. What are the advantages of people not thinking alike? What are the challenges?
2. As you reflect on the conflicts in your life and in the church, what gives you hope? How will you continue to remain faithful, even in the midst of difficult times?
3. The primary reason Christians are resilient is because we believe in resurrection. Death does not have the final word. Where have you seen resurrection in your life and in the lives of others?
4. How might God be asking you to stretch out of your comfort zone to be a welcoming presence to those who feel alone and separated from church, society, and others?

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

Upcoming Lectionary Scriptures

Monday 5/8

Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22;
Acts 7:17-40

Thursday 5/11

Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22;
Acts 27:1-12

Tuesday 5/9

Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12;
Acts 7:44-56

Friday 5/12

Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24;
Acts 27:13-38

Wednesday 5/10

Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18;
John 8:31-38

Saturday 5/13

Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19;
John 14:27-29

Announcements

Next Week! Blaine Memorial's Mother's Day Breakfast is back! ►
Sunday, May 14, 8:30am-10:00am and after worship!



Come join us as we give thanks to our mothers and mother-like figures in our lives!

Join us as we honor the women and those who identify as women at Blaine Memorial UMC. Our Mother's Day Breakfast is back! During this time, we will honor, remember and show our love to our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins, wives, teachers, mentors, and all of the women in our lives that have influenced and shaped us into the people who we are today.

Calling all men and those who identify as men at Blaine Memorial! We need your help! Help us prepare the breakfast beginning at 6:00am! Please contact Howard Nakase for more information.

Wednesday Coffee & Prayer ► May 10 • 9am on Zoom

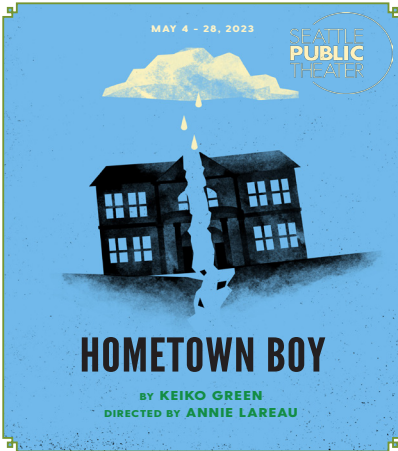


Please join Rev. Karen for a time of meditation and prayer on Wednesday, May 10 at 9am. The Wednesday Prayer group continues to meet each week. Our time together consists of a check-in question centering around United Methodist Founder John Wesley's famous question, "How is it with your soul?"

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.

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. 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.

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>VBS registration is open now! Please visit: blainevbs.square.site</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

- **Miyeko Mochizuki**, 96, passed away peacefully at Seattle's Nikkei Manor on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. She is survived by her children, James (Susan), Ken, and Alan (Stacey); grandchildren Aaron (Karyn), Nathan (Elaine), Tyler and Sydney; and two great-granddaughters. She was predeceased by her parents, Shigematsu and Asao Nakano, sister Lilly Chiyeiko Nakano, husband Eugene and daughter-in-law Merry Mochizuki. A private memorial service will be held at a future date.
- **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, Paul (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 on May 20, 2023.

THOSE EXPERIENCING HEALTH CONCERNS

- **Emi K.**, daughter of Jackie and Chris and granddaughter of Lisa Mar and John Hodge. Emi is currently receiving chemotherapy treatment.

- **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

- Congratulations to **Dean and Kara Kurushima** on the arrival of their daughter, **Akemi Sanaye Kurushima**. We also give praise of joy to grandparents, **Michael and Elaine Chin**! Akemi arrived on Easter morning, April 9, 2023 in Los Angeles, CA. What a bundle of joy!
- 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.
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating **May 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 Rwanda**, who are experiencing torrential rain, mudslides, and flooding. The natural disaster has killed 129 people so far. We pray for the families who have lost loved ones and for those who continue to search for family members.