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Mother's Day



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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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Annual Conference Delegates

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023 • Hybrid Worship
10pm in the Sanctuary

Prelude

Time Now to Gather

By M.N. Keithahn and J. D.Hormon
Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth
(UMH #92)

Eugene and Kathy Onishi



Mother's Day Liturgy

Lynne Onishi

First Scripture Reading

John 14:15-21 (CEB)

ヨハネの福音書 14:15-21 (JLB)

Lynne Onishi & Tsutomu Nagoya

Children's Message

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Special Music

Love Comes From God

Blaine Memorial Choir

Sermon

The Great Comforter

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Response

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Eugene and Kathy Onishi (UMH #393)

Reconciling Ministries Moment #2

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Introduction to the Offering

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
(UMH #94)

Kathy Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Closing Hymn

Gift of Love

Eugene and Kathy Onishi (UMH #408)

Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

He is Exalted

By Twila Paris

Kathy Onishi

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Sermon Reflection Questions

1. Describe the Holy Spirit in one word.
2. Read John 14:15-21. What can we learn about the role that the Holy Spirit plays in our lives?
3. How have you seen the Holy Spirit at work in your life?
4. What are some things that come to mind when you think of the Holy Spirit?

Upcoming Lectionary Scriptures

Monday May 15, 2023

Psalm 93; Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Ascension of the Lord

Friday, May 19, 2023

Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30

Announcements

Today! Blaine Memorial's Mother's Day Breakfast is back! ▶ 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.

Wednesday Coffee & Prayer ▶ May 17 • 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.

Reconciling Ministries Team

Celebrating God's Gift: Diversity

By Lynne Onishi

Greetings from the Reconciling Ministries (RM) team at Blaine! The RM team is a lay-led group of congregation members who are passionate about LGBTQIA+ inclusion in the church. We are here to help guide this church through a process of discernment as we consider affiliating with the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN).

To affiliate with RMN, our church must vote to adopt a Reconciling Statement. We want to hear what you think about this statement before we take a final vote, so we are conducting a straw poll on May 21. As we prepare to take a straw poll, we invite you to look at the Reconciling Statement below:

"We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."

Why are you a part of the team?

I am a member of the Reconciling Ministry Team because I know a family whose son is non-binary. I have seen their fear when prejudice and hate were directed toward their child. And I have seen their reaction to be one of honesty, courage, and love. I believe the church can come alongside families like this to provide support and community.

Terri Pittman

I am part of the Reconciling Ministries Team because I grew up in this church and have always felt included, yet also off to the side, and want to see a place that is welcoming and affirming to all.

Dale H. Watanabe

I am a member of the Reconciling Ministries Team because we, as a church, love God and God's people. We can show our love by openly expressing welcome to our friends who are often marginalized and hurt, even though that may not be our intention. As a teacher, I worked with many youth who suffered pain and rejection because of their sexual identities. Sometimes, the pain was too much to bear. Offering an accepting (Christian?) community can metaphorically and literally save lives.

Arlene Naganawa

Reconciling Ministries Team

Yoshi Kuramoto
Arlene Naganawa

Lynne Onishi
Lawrence Paltep

Terri Pittman
Mariko Ronan

Jarrett Shirouzu
Jenna Tong

Dale Watanabe
Malia Yamamoto

*The Reconciling Ministries Team invites all who are interested to join in our work!
Visit rmnetwork.org for more information.*

Apply for 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.



Dr. Stephen Sumida in "Hometown Boy" play ▶ Throughout May

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.

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! Visit blaineonline.org for info.

Summer Camps & VBS 2023! ▶ See Dates



This summer's Camping Ministries and Vacation Bible School schedules are out! Save 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>Registration is open! Register by May 31!</p>	<p>Vacation Bible School 10am-3pm</p> <p>Register now: 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 Chiyeko 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 Aegeter** • **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.



NOW AVAILABLE!

The latest issue of the Beacon newsletter is ready for viewing!

Download the digital version at blaineonline.org

Printed versions are available in the office, sanctuary, and social hall!