



blaine memorial
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY
May 21, 2023

Worship

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**How is the Spirit inviting you
to integrate it back into your life?**



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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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Rev. Mia MiKyung Park
Eugene Onishi
Kathy Onishi
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Yuki Sofronas
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Ron Nobuyama, Brian Okura
Bob Sekijima, Gayle Miyake
Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi
Ron Nobuyama, George Yates

Thank you Kiyo Toda Family for today's flower arrangement.

Kiyo Toda passed away on November 26, 2022. Kiyo's Celebration of Life service was May 20, 2023 at BMUMC. May Kiyo Toda rest in peace.

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 and follow the prompts.
- **MAIL:** Mail a check to: Blaine Memorial UMC at 3001 24th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98144.



Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023 • Hybrid Worship
10am in the Sanctuary

Prelude

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
By James K. Manley
Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Call to Worship

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Opening Prayer

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

***Opening Hymn**

Sois la Semilla (You are the Seed)
(UMH #583)
Eugene and Kathy Onishi



First Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-14 (CEB)
使徒の働き1:6-14 (JLB)
Terri Pittman & Yuki Sofronas

Children's Message

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Special Music

O Jesus, I Have Promised
By J.E. Bode, A.H. Mann
Blaine Memorial Choir

Mission Moment: ACRS/Walk For Rice

Michael Byun, Executive Director;
Audrey Hwang and Justine

Second Scripture Reading

John 17:1-11 (NRSVUE)
ヨハネの福音書17:1-11 (JLB)
Terri Pittman & Yuki Sofronas

Sermon

The Struggle for Love
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Response

Blest Be The Tie That Binds
Eugene and Kathy Onishi (UMH #557)

Reconciling Ministries Moment #3

Arlene Naganawa

Introduction to the Offering

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Doxology (UMH #94)

Kathy Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Closing Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
(TFWS #2223)
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

Across the Lands
By Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
Kathy Onishi

Straw Poll

Arlene Naganawa
*Not at in-person worship? Send your vote by May 21,
2023 at 2pm to blaineoffice@yahoo.com.
This method is not anonymous.*

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Sermon Reflection Questions

1. What is a stream of Christian spirituality that you feel at odds with?
2. How is the Spirit inviting you to integrate some of their practices into your life?
3. What is a fragment of your story that you are ashamed of?
4. How is the Spirit inviting you to integrate it back into your life?

Upcoming Lectionary Scriptures

Monday, May 22, 2023

Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11

Friday, May 26, 2023

Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25;
Romans 8:14-17

Saturday, May 27, 2023

Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21;
Matthew 5:1-12

Announcements

Reconciling Ministries Straw Poll ▶ Today after worship

The Reconciling Ministries Team will conduct a straw poll on Sunday, May 21. This poll is not a final vote on affiliation with Reconciling Ministries. The team is simply conducting a poll of our congregation to better understand your thoughts, feelings, and concerns about the reconciling statement. The vote will take place after the service is finished, and your participation is required.

VBS Volunteers Meetings ▶ May 21 & June 4

We will be holding volunteer meetings on the following Sundays: May 21st and June 4th, after the service, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Webb Room. If you are planning to volunteer at VBS this year, please make sure to attend these meetings.

Wednesday Coffee & Prayer ▶ May 24 • 9am on Zoom



Please join Rev. Karen for a time of meditation and prayer on Wednesday, May 24 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?"

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.

33rd Annual ACRS Walk for Rice ▶ June 17 • 9am

This year ACRS will hold its in-person Walk for Rice at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at Seward Park! Team

Blaine's fundraising goal is \$7,000. Help ACRS feed AAPI community members who are experiencing food insecurity by joining or donating to Team Blaine!

Go to: <https://give.acrs.org/team/498138> or scan the top QR code to donate online! Or mail your donation to the Blaine office (checks made out to "Walk for Rice", memo: "Team Blaine"). Thanks for your support!



Donate to
Team Blaine!



Read more about
Team Blaine!

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.

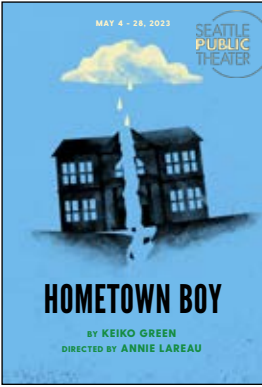
This cookbook will commemorate the 120th Anniversary of Blaine Memorial, with a scheduled release of January 2024. We are seeking submissions for the 2024 cookbook and are calling on you to contribute! Visit blaineonline.org for info.

Ongoing Donations for Afghan and Ukrainian Refugees

Items being collected: At this time, we have an abundance of some items and so we are NOT in need of clothing or children's toys. Especially needed items are women's products, toothpaste, personal care items, rice cookers, blenders, mixing bowls, microwave ovens, toasters, mixers, irons, dish sets, towels, and blankets. Blaine Memorial UMC Collection Hours: Collection items can be dropped off to the Blaine Memorial Social Hall from Tuesday - Thursday between 10:00AM-4:00PM.

Please call the Church Office at (206) 723-1536 prior to dropping off your items. South King County Response Center Collection & Volunteer Hours: The Donation Center is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from 10am-2pm, same time as the Tukwila Pantry at 3118 S. 140th St. Seattle. Please text Kim Parks at (206) 683-1707 when you would like to help. Please wear a mask and bring a marking pen and measuring tape if possible.

Please contact Donna Sekijima at: donnasek@outlook.com and/or Anne Arakaki-Lock at: arakakilock@gmail.com.



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.



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) Register by May 31!</p>	<p>Vacation Bible School 10am-3pm Register now: blainevbs.square.site</p>	<p>Asian Camp (for incoming 10th grade- 2 yrs. post-high school)</p>

Ongoing Request for Chips and Savory Treats

Thank you all for generously donating sweet and savory treats for post-worship fellowship time. Currently, we need more chips and savory items: wrapped bags of chips (potato chips, Doritos, Cheetos etc.) would be appreciated. Drop off your donations to the Narthex, Church Office, or Social Hall either on Sunday or during Church Office Hours (Tuesday-Friday 10:00AM-4:00PM). Help serve refreshments on Sundays after worship by contacting Julie Lock at: jtlock00@gmail.com



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 was 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.



NOW AVAILABLE!

The latest issue of the Beacon newsletter is ready for viewing!
Scan the QR code on the right or read at blaineonline.org!
Printed versions are available in the office, sanctuary, and social hall!