



blaine memorial
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY
July 23, 2023

Worship

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**How can we find
strength and hope in
the midst of challenges?**



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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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Rev. Karen Yokota Love
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Kai Yamamoto
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Bob Sekijima, Gayle Miyake
Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi
Ron Nobuyama, George Yates

Thank you to Carol Kastrup for today's flower arrangement!

Ways to Give

- **ONLINE:** Click the Realm logo at blaineonline.org or scan the QR code on the right.
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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Hybrid Worship • July 23, 2023

Hymn of Reflection

Blest Are They (TFWS #2155)
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Prelude

Awesome God by Rich Mullins
Kathy Onishi

Introduction to the Offering

Ron Nobuyama

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
(UMH #94)
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

***Call to Worship**

(Based on Psalm 139:1-12 and 23-24)
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Prayer of Dedication

Ron Nobuyama

***Opening Hymn**

Holy Ground X 2 (TFWS #2272)
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Announcements

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Opening Prayer

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

***Closing Hymn**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing (UMH #664)
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

First Scripture Reading

Romans 8:12-25 (CEB)
□ーマ人への手紙 8:12-25 (JLB)
Sai Hanaoka, Tsutomu Nagoya

***Benediction**

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Children's Message

Lawrence Paltep

Postlude

I Sing Praises to Your Name
By Terry MacAlmon
Kathy Onishi

Sermon

Life as Christians I
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Sermon Questions

1. What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ?
2. How can we actively participate in the process of transformation and growth as disciples of Christ?
3. How can we find strength and hope in the midst of challenges?
4. In what practical ways can we live out our discipleship, bearing witness to the transformative power of Christ's love in our lives?

Upcoming Lectionary Scriptures

Monday, July 24, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 139:13-18;
Genesis 32:3-21; Revelation 14:12-20

Complementary: Psalm 75; Nahum 1:1-13;
Revelation 14:12-20

Thursday, July 27, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;
Genesis 29:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20

Complementary: Psalm 119:129-136; 1
Kings 1:28-37; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20

Tuesday, July 25, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis
33:1-17; Galatians 4:21-5:1

Complementary: Psalm 75; Zephaniah 3:1-
13; Galatians 4:21-5:1

Friday, July 28, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;
Genesis 29:9-14; Acts 7:44-53

Complementary: Psalm 119:129-136; 1
Kings 1:38-48; Acts 7:44-53

Wednesday, July 26, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis
35:16-29; Matthew 12:15-21

Complementary: Psalm 75; Daniel 12:1-13;
Matthew 12:15-21

Saturday, July 29, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;
Genesis 29:31-30:24; Matthew 12:38-42

Complementary: Psalm 119:129-136; 1
Kings 2:1-4; Matthew 12:38-42



Sumi Strokes of Summer Exhibit Now and until August 24

Puget Sound Sumi Artists (PSSA) presents Sumi Strokes of Summer, an exhibit of Sumi Fine Art and a memorial tribute to its founder, Fumiko Kimura (12/1929-03/2023), and a retrospective of 37 years of PSSA art. This event is at the Premier Gallery at the Puyallup Activity Center (210 West Pioneer, Puyallup, WA 98371), July 5 - August 24, 9am-4pm, M-F (except holidays).

(L) "Looking Back" by Fumiko Kimura



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Save the date

Blaine Memorial UMC's

Bazaar

...is back!

October 7, 2023 | 11am-5pm

Come join us for some homemade Japanese food!

BBQ Chicken • Curry • Udon • Homemade Pies • Baked Goods

Check out our Farmers Market!

Produce • Plants

More details to come!

Please contact Lesley Okura with questions!

Activities Q&A Resources Snacks

RECONCILING MINISTRIES DROP-IN

Sunday, July 30
in the Webb Room

RM Q&A Session • July 30

Join the Reconciling Ministries team for a drop-in Q&A session on Sunday, July 30 during fellowship hour!

We will meet in the Webb Room (adjacent to the social hall) for some fun treats and conversation about the reconciling ministry process. Please stop by to chat with the team, find resources, enjoy snacks, and join in some fun activities! All are welcome.

Contact Lynne Onishi for more info!



Save the Date: Blessing of the Animals, August 6

Blaine Memorial UMC will have a Blessing of the Animals worship service on **Sunday, August 6, 2023, at 10:00AM** in the **Blaine Courtyard**. Everyone is invited to bring pets (or pictures of pets) for the blessing. Dogs should be on leashes and other pets should be in appropriate carriers. Hope to see you there with your furry friend!



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

- **Tami Mitsui**, 93, passed away peacefully at her home in Renton, WA, on Thursday, July 13, 2023. Tami was surrounded by her family. She is survived by her children, Nancy Fredrick, Jan Davis, Mark Mitsui (Melanie) and Glenn Mitsui (Arlene); seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Sam, in 2019. Tami ran several marathons when she was in her 60s. She ran with Sam throughout her life. A Celebration of Life service will be at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 11:00AM with a reception to follow.
- **Shizue Watanabe**, 98, passed away peacefully at Valley Medical Hospital and she was surrounded by her children on Thursday, July 13, 2023. Shizue is survived by her children, Judy Yasutake (Bruce), Glen (Jody), Wendell, Sharon, and Dale (Bif); four grandchildren: Curtis (Joline), Ben, Lucas and Hannah. Shizue was predeceased by her husband, Bill. Shizue enjoyed Minyo dancing, crafting, playing games like "Go Fish" and Hanafuda. She loved her cats and anything that was cat-related. She also loved her family with all her heart. Shizue also was a Tuesday Lady. The family will have a Celebration of Life service in the near future.
- **June Sato**, 94, passed away peacefully and with grace at her home in Laguna Niguel, CA on Thursday, June 15, 2023. June is survived by her husband, Frank, four children, a son who predeceased her, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. June and Frank celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 14, 2023, so June waited until that significant day passed before she joined her son and the other angels in Heaven. The family had a small Celebration of Life service on June 24, 2023 for immediate family.

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 • Suma Yagi**
- **Wyman Martin • Marcia Takahashi**
- **Rev. Shigeharu Ago**

Celebrations

- Congratulations to all who are celebrating **July birthdays and anniversaries!**

For our United Methodist Church

- We continue to pray for the safety of our LGBTQIA+ 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 safe travels as some of our BYG youth head to Asian Camp at Camp Lodestar in Wilseyville, CA. May they meet new friends, connect with long time friends, and get to know Christ deeply. We pray that they come home safely.
- Prayers for Rev. Karen Yokota Love and for some of our church members as they head to the NJAUMC Zephyr Point Lake Tahoe Retreat. They will be in community with many other members from our sister Japanese American churches in the Western Jurisdiction. We pray that they come home safely.
- Prayers for the victims who were shot to death in Greensboro, NC; Philadelphia, PA; Columbia, SC; Dallas, TX and in many more places that we know and those places that are unknown. We pray for the families who grieve their loved ones. Our hearts are broken with pain for these senseless deaths caused by gun violence. Let our voices be raised by asking our legislators to enact gun laws to protect all in our society, especially those most vulnerable.
- Prayers for the fire victims across the country. Prayers as they rebuild and recover after the aftermath of fire season in many places.
- Prayers for people who are experiencing mental health challenges who are isolated, anxious and helpless. May they find peace.

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The Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Report

Team Blaine raises \$11,800 for low-income families!

Growing in Faith

Rev. Mia: Ordinary Time Innovation Hub Update!

Congratulations Graduates!

Our Stories Continue

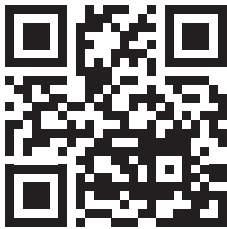
GODS DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL

...nancing churches are everywhere! These colorful doors displayed at University UMC in Austin, TX (honoring congregants) share a message of inclusion for all.

Innovation Hub Update!
Wynne Onishi presents an update on the Innovation Hub! [Read more.](#)

Rev. John Go and Mia Miyoung Paik share their summer garden veggies.

Rev Mia: A Time to Grow!
Associate Pastor, the Rev. Mia Miyoung Paik, offers up a reflection on growth in this month's Spiritual Reflection. [Read more.](#)



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