



blaine memorial
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY
August 20, 2023

Worship

Sing Praises with Blaine!

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**What is a good practice
to affirm that God is
always faithful in your
everyday 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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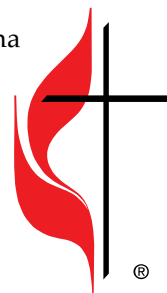
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Thank you to Sharon Maeda for today's beautiful flower arrangement!

Ways to Give

- **ONLINE:** Click the Realm logo at blaineonline.org or scan the QR code on the right.
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Ron Nobuyama, Brian Okura
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Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi
Ron Nobuyama, George Yates



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Hybrid Worship • August 20, 2023

Prelude

Aha Bushi
Mako Willett

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

***Call to Worship**

Based on Psalm 133
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

***Opening Hymn**

As the Deer (x2)
TFWS #2025
Michelle Vaughan, Neal Komedal,
and Miriam Tong

Opening Prayer

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:21-28 (CEB)
マタイの福音書 15:21-28 (JLB)
Jordan L., Tsutomu Nagoya

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Special Music

Amazing Grace
Leann Onishi and Mako Willett

Second Scripture

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (NRSVUE)
ローマ人への手紙 11:1-3, 29-32 (JLB)
Jordan L., Tsutomu Nagoya

Sermon

God's Irrevocable Gifts and Calling
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Hymn of Reflection

God Will Take Care of You
UMH #130
Michelle Vaughan, Neal Komedal,
and Miriam Tong

Introduction to the Offering

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Offertory Music

Traditional Okinawan song
Leann Onishi and Mako Willett

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
UMH #94
Michelle Vaughan, Neal Komedal,
and Miriam Tong

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

***Closing Hymn**

In the Garden
UMH #314
Michelle Vaughan, Neal Komedal,
and Miriam Tong

***Benediction**

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Postlude

17th Century Irish Piece
Leann Onishi

Sermon Questions

1. What's a good way for Christians to react when they know God's gifts and calling are unchanging? How does this make them feel about their life's purpose when they feel unsure or worried about their lives?
2. What would be a good practice to affirm that God is always faithful in our everyday lives? How does it change the way we make choices, relate to others, and see things?

Upcoming Lectionary Scriptures

Monday, August 21, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 130;
Genesis 43:1-34; Acts 15:1-21
Complementary: Psalm 87;
2 King 5:1-14; Acts 15:1-21

Thursday, August 24, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 124;
Genesis 49:1-33; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Complementary: Psalm 138;
Ezekiel 28:11-19; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Tuesday, August 22, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 130;
Genesis 44:1-34; Romans 11:13-29
Complementary: Psalm 87;
Isaiah 43:8-13; Romans 11:13-29

Friday, August 25, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 124;
Genesis 49:29-50:14; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18
Complementary: Psalm 138;
Ezekiel 31:15-18; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Wednesday, August 23, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 130;
Genesis 45:16-28; Matthew 8:1-13
Complementary: Psalm 87;
Isaiah 66: 18-23; Matthew 8:1-13

Saturday, August 26, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 124;
Genesis 50:15-26; Matthew 16:5-12
Complementary: Psalm 138;
Ezekiel 36:33-38; Matthew 16:5-12

Announcements

Neighborhood Community Meeting, Tuesday, August 22, 5pm-6pm

The City of Seattle will host a **Neighborhood Community Meeting** on *Tuesday (8/22) from 5pm-6pm in the Lee Activity Center*. The purpose of the meeting is to give the neighbors an opportunity to voice the ongoing challenges with our homeless neighbors and the mental health challenges in our local neighborhood.
District 2 Councilmember Tammy

Morales will be present as well as other vital community partners such as Kimball Elementary School and our neighbors. You are invited to come to this meeting to support our neighbors, community, and Blaine Memorial UMC. We will open our doors at 4:30pm to the public. The meeting will begin promptly at 5pm. Hope to see you there!

Next Sunday: Scholarship Sunday Worship, Sunday, August 27, 10am with BBQ and a BYG Bake Sale afterwards



We'll celebrate this year's Blaine Memorial UMC scholarship recipients of the Vera Ing Scholarship, Blaine Memorial UMC Scholarship, Yasuda Scholarship, William S. Yorozu Scholarship, and the Robert S. Sato Scholarship. Immediately following worship, we'll have an **End-of-Summer BBQ** and the **BYG** will host a **Bake Sale** to celebrate! Congratulations ... we're so proud of you! *The proceeds from the BYG Bake Sale will benefit Camping Ministries.*

Kimball Elementary School to Reopen: Ribbon-Cutting Event on Thursday, August 31, 4pm-6pm at Kimball Elementary



Blaine Memorial UMC is invited to Kimball Elementary's Ribbon Cutting event — we'll help Kimball celebrate completion of the new Kimball Elementary School building!

- **Thursday, August 31, 2023**
- **4pm – 6pm**
- **Ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4:30pm with guided tours to follow.**



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

- **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. *A public Celebration of Life service will be at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 1:30pm. Guests are encouraged to wear casual summer attire (Aloha/Hawaiian and/or cat-themed wear)!*
- **Akemi Sanaye Kurushima** passed away on August 1, 2023, at the age of 3 months old. She brought immense joy to her family and their friends. She is survived by her parents, Dean and Kara (Chin) Kurushima; grandparents, Michael and Elaine Chin, Jeff and Carol Kurushima; her aunts, Taryn Chin and Kacy Kurushima (Daniel). She’s at peace now with our Lord in heaven and being cradled by her family preceding her in death including her namesake and great-grandmother, Sanaye ‘Sani’ Maekawa and Bill Maekawa. The family will have a Celebration of Life service on September 2, 2023 in Los Angeles, CA.
- **Homer Yasui**, age 98, passed away on July 25, 2023. He is survived by his three children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He was born in Hood River, OR, and lived most of his life in Portland, OR. He was a medical doctor and Korean War veteran. Homer will be greatly missed by his family and friends.
- **Satoshi Yamamoto**, 78, passed away at home surrounded by loved ones on July 17, 2023, after a brief but hard-fought battle with a rare aggressive form of cancer. Satoshi is survived by his wife of 51 years Pearl, son Tate Yamamoto (Sayoko), daughter Tara Hiura (Timothy), granddaughters Teia and Talia Hiura, grandson Ryley Yamamoto, siblings Setsuko Hamamoto, Fusako Kamihara, Masaru Yamamoto (Kathleen), Yasuko Yamamoto, Katashi Yamamoto (friend Julie) and preceded in death by parents Hideo and Hide Yamamoto, siblings Noboru Yamamoto, Tadashi Yamamoto, Yoshiko Ishimitsu and Ichiko Ishii. Satoshi was a dedicated husband and father. Working swing shift, he took a large part in raising their two children; teaching them to ride bicycles, practicing sports, and playing

in the park. Satoshi built and maintained the Japanese garden at their home, he continued to customize cars and attend car shows. Satoshi never failed to go above and beyond to help others. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church or charity of your choice. On August 2, 2023, a burial service was held at Sunset Hills Memorial Park and Funeral Home followed by a Celebration of Life service and reception at Terry's Kitchen in Bellevue, WA.

- **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 and reception was held on August 5, 2023 at Blaine Memorial UMC.
- **George Aoyama**, 96, passed away on April 12, 2023. He is survived by his sister, Anne Moriyasu; daughters, Cindy (Gary) Shimizu, Tami McClincy and Lori Ricord; grandchildren, Drew and Alec Shimizu and Lorissa and Logan Ricord. George grew up in Seattle as a teen and his family was incarcerated at Camp Harmony in Puyallup, and later sent to the Minidoka concentration camp in Idaho during World War II. As a youth and young adult, George played baseball, and later enjoyed bowling at Imperial Lanes in Seattle. He was an avid golfer, a member of the Bayview Nisei Golf

Club, and a member of the Nisei Veterans Committee. George served in the U.S. military and was honorably discharged in 1947. George worked in the shipping industry, first for C.T. Takahashi & Co and later retired from Mitsui & Co. George will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Those in cancer treatment or remission

- **Tony Yasuda • Lesley Cunninham**
- **Duong Nguyen • 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

- **Madison Kelly**, niece of Michael and Elaine Chin
- **Bernie Pitts • Its Yokota • Connie Sekijima**
- **Greg Ogata • Suma Yagi • Wyman Martin**
- **Marcia Takahashi • Rev. Shigeharu Ago**

Celebrations

- Congratulations to all who are celebrating **August 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 the fire victims, friends, communities, and Ohana in Lahaina, Maui, due to the raging wildfires. We pray for all of the people who perished in the fires. May your presence be a source of comfort.

Save the date

Blaine Memorial UMC's
Bazaar

A portion of the proceeds will benefit
**Maui Relief and Recovery
through UMCOR**

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 or Ron Nobuyama with questions!