



blaine memorial
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY
September 3, 2023

Worship

Labor Day Sunday!

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**In what ways is
your work a
"labor of love"
to God?**



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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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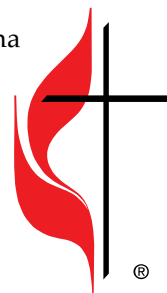
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Thank you to Miriam Tong for today's beautiful flower arrangement!

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Ron Nobuyama, George Yates



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Hybrid Worship • September 3, 2023

Prelude

From the Rising of the Sun
Anonymous Psalm 113:3
Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

***Opening Hymn**

Holy Ground
TFWS #2272
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Opening Prayer

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

First Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21 (CEB)
□ーマ一人への手紙 12:9-21 (JLB)
Kobe Yamamoto, Tsutomu Nagoya

Children's Message

Dr. Stephen Sumida

Second Scripture

Colossians 3:23-24 (CEB)
□□サイ人への手紙 3:23-24 (JLB)
Kobe Yamamoto, Tsutomu Nagoya

Sermon

Labor of Love
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Reflection

Together We Serve
UMH #2175
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Holy Communion

Rev. Karen Yokota Love
Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Introduction to the Offering

Rev. Kobe Yamamoto

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
UMH #94
Kathy Onishi

***Prayer of Dedication**

Kobe Yamamoto

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Rev. Karen Yokota Love

***Closing Hymn**

Go Forth for God
UMH #670
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

***Benediction**

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

Bless His Holy Name
Andrae Crouch
Kathy Onishi

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Sermon Reflection Questions

1. In the U.S., Labor Day is a day to honor what?
2. As of 2022, how many people in the United States work from home, at least part-time?
3. When you think of the work you do in life, whether in your office, your classroom, your store, or at home, in what way is your work a "labor of love"?
4. How might you see everything you do in life as a loving response to God's love for you?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, September 4, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18;
Exodus 4:10-31; Revelation 3:1-6

Complementary: Psalm 17;
2 Samuel 11:2-26; Revelation 3:1-6

Thursday, September 7, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7;
2 Corinthians 12:11-21

Complementary: Psalm 119:33-40;
Ezekiel 24:1-14; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

Tuesday, September 5, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18;
Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13

Complementary: Psalm 17;
Samuel 11:27b-12:15; Revelation 3:7-13

Friday, September 8, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 149;
Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21

Complementary: Psalm 119:33-40;
Ezekiel 24:15-27; Romans 10:15b-21

Wednesday, September 6, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18;
Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32

Complementary: Psalm 17;
Jeremiah 17:5-18; Matthew 12:22-32

Saturday, September 9, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 149;
Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36

Complementary: Psalm 119:33-40;
Ezekiel 33:1-6; Matthew 23:29-36

Announcements



Church Office will be Closed in observance for Labor Day

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 and Tuesday, September 5 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We will resume normal office hours on Wednesday (9/6). Blaine Memorial UMC's normal office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10:00AM-4:00PM. Thank you for your labor and hard work! Have a wonderful holiday weekend!



Join Us for Rally Sunday on Sunday, Sept. 10!

Please join us on Sunday, September 10 at 10am for Rally Sunday where we will introduce our Church School teachers and talented BYG leaders for the 2023-2024 church school year!

After our worship and fellowship, we invite all parents to gather in the Social Hall for a Parents' Meeting.



Please join Rev. Karen for a time of meditation and prayer on Wednesday, September 6 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?"

Our time together continues with a few readings from *The Upper Room* Magazine September/October edition. Finally, we end our time together with a pastoral prayer. We hope you can join us!



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

- **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 had a Celebration of Life service on September 2, 2023 at Centenary UMC 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. 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.
- **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 and reception was held on August 26, 2023 at Blaine Memorial UMC.
- **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 **September birthdays and anniversaries!**
- Congratulations to our Blaine Scholarship recipients! Best wishes at school!

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 and for each person who continues to search for those who are missing.
- Prayers for the victims who were shot to death on Rainier Ave. S., Seattle, WA. 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 our unhoused siblings in our neighborhood, in the City of Seattle, in our state, and across the country. May they find housing, receiving mental health assistance, and may they find work.

Save the date

Blaine Memorial UMC's
Bazaar

This year's beneficiary:
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!