



blaine memorial
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY
Sept. 10, 2023

Worship

Rally with Blaine!

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Rally Sunday

**What areas of your life
might need awakening or renewal
in your walk with Christ?**



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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

Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Choir Director
Pianist
Technical Production Support

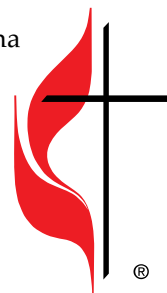
Director, B.Y.G.
Associate Directors, B.Y.G.

Church School Superintendent
Office Assistant
Bookkeeper

Lay Leadership Team

Administrative Board
Ad-Board Vice-Chair
Staff Parish Relations
SPRC Vice-Chair
Board of Trustees
Finance Committee
Lay Leaders
Annual Conference Delegates

Rev. Karen Yokota Love
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park
Eugene Onishi
Kathy Onishi
Ron Nobuyama, Marina Kozu,
Jarrett Shirouzu, Rachel Ono-
Lim, David Akiyama,
Kai Yamamoto
Lynne Onishi
Kai Yamamoto
Kaylee Yokoyama
Sai Hanaoka
Yuki Sofronas
Mimi Mar



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

Thank you to Miriam Tong 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.
- **MOBILE:** Download the free "Realm Connect" app. Use your sign-in and click GIVING.
- **TEXT:** Text BLAINE to 73256. Click the link and follow the prompts.
- **MAIL:** Mail checks to: BMUMC at 3001 24th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98144.



**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
& Rally Sunday**

September 10, 2023 • 10 am
Hybrid Worship

Prelude

Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

***Call to Worship**

(Based on Psalm 149)

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

***Opening Hymn**

Jesus Loves Me

(UMH #191)

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Opening Prayer

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 148 (NRSVUE)

詩篇 148 *(Japanese Living Bible)*

Sai Hanaoka, Tsutomu Nagoya

Special Music

Every Move I Make

Church School and BYG

Rally Sunday Celebrations!

- *Presentation of our Church School Teachers, BYG Directors and Leaders*
- *Blessing of the Backpacks, Devices and School Supplies*

Revs. Karen and Mia

Special Music

10,000 Reasons

Praise Team

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 13:8-14 (NRSVUE)

ローマ人への手紙 13:8-14 *(JLB)*

Lynne Onishi Tsutomu Nagoya

Sermon

Putting on the Lord Jesus

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Hymn of Reflection

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Praise Team

Introduction to the Offering

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

***Doxology**

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

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

***Closing Hymn**

Shine, Jesus, Shine (TFWS #2173)

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

***Benediction**

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Postlude

Kathy Onishi

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Sermon Reflection Questions

1. Reflect on what it means to owe nothing to anyone except to love (vs. 8). How does this change your perspective on your daily choices, actions, alignment with the exhortation in the verse, and relationships with others?
2. In verse 11, Paul urges us to wake up from our slumber. What areas of your life might need awakening or renewal in your walk with Christ?
3. Paul mentions "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" in verse 14. What practical steps can you take to clothe yourself daily in Christ's attributes and virtues?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, September 11, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Peter 2:11-17

Complementary: Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:11-17

Thursday, September 14, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 114; Exodus 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16

Complementary: Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 37:12-36; 1 John 3:11-16

Tuesday, September 12, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:29-42; Romans 13:1-7

Complementary: Psalm 119:65-72; Deuteronomy 17:2-13; Romans 13:1-7

Friday, September 15, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 114; Exodus 14:1-18; Acts 7:9-16

Complementary: Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 41:53-42:17; Acts 7:9-16

Wednesday, September 13, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 121; Exodus 13:1-10; Matthew 21:18-22

Complementary: Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28; Matthew 21:18-22

Saturday, September 16, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 114; Exodus 15:19-21; Matthew 6:7-15

Complementary: Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 45:1-20; Matthew 6:7-15

Announcements



Rally Sunday! • Today

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 Nishida Room for a Parents' Meeting. (Children and youth will go to the Gym.)

Celebrating the Re-Appointment of our Pastors with a Blaine Potluck! Next Sunday: Sunday, September 17 at 11:30am



Please join us on *Sunday, September 17* at **11:30am** in the **Lee Activity Center** as we gather to celebrate the reappointments of our beloved pastors for their outstanding pastoral leadership at our church!

What's a better way than to show our appreciation than by having a 'Blaine' potluck? This will be the first potluck that we're having since the start of the pandemic! Blaine potlucks have always been synonymous with special occasions and celebrating our pastors is

definitely a special occasion. We are asking folks to contribute. (If you are single, please feel free to bring just one of the items):

A – H: main dish/salad

I – S: main dish/rice

T – Z: main dish/dessert

We hope that you can join us next Sunday, September 17 to joyfully celebrate Rev. Karen, Rev. Mia, Rev. Jeney and Rev. Mark!

Wednesday Meditation & Prayer • September 13 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

- Jennifer Lew • 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 • Bernie Pitts • Its Yokota
- 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 students returning to school! Have a wonderful year!

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 victims in the recent shooting in the South Park neighborhood. 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.
- Prayers for justice and fairness for those worst hit by our changing climate. We know people living in extreme poverty around the world are worst hit by the climate crisis but have done the least to contribute to it.
- 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.

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!