



**blaine memorial**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**SUNDAY**  
Sept. 17, 2023

# Worship

**Worship with Blaine!**

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**Is there someone in your life  
who you have been unable to  
forgive?**



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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*  
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## Lay Leadership Team

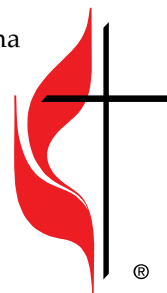
*Administrative Board*  
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*Staff Parish Relations*  
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*Board of Trustees*  
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*Lay Leaders*  
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Thank you to Carol Kastrup for today's beautiful flower arrangement!

## Ways to Give

- **ONLINE:** Click the Realm logo at [blaineonline.org](http://blaineonline.org) or scan the QR code on the right.
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Kai Yamamoto  
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Kaylee Yokoyama  
Sai Hanaoka  
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Mimi Mar



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



## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023 • 10am

Hybrid Worship

### Prelude

*Change My Heart, O God*

(Eddie Espinosa)

Kathy Onishi

### Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Call to Worship

Arlene Naganawa

### Opening Song

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

(TFWS #2120)

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

### Opening Prayer

Arlene Naganawa

### First Scripture

*Reading Matthew 18:21-35 (CEB)*

Arlene Naganawa

### Children's Message

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

### Special Music

*Amen, So Be It*

*Natalie Sleeth*

Blaine Memorial Choir

### Celebrating the Reappointment of Our Pastors

Arlene Naganawa

### Second Scripture

*Reading Romans 14:1-12 (CEB)*

Arlene Naganawa

### Message

*Not 7, but 77*

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Hymn of Reflection

*Grace Alone*

(TFWS #2162)

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

### Introduction to the Offering

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

### Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings*

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

### Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

### Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Closing Hymn

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

(UMH #560)

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

### Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Postlude

*May You Run and Not Be Weary*

(Paul Murakami and Handt Hanson)

Kathy Onishi

## Sermon Reflection Questions

1. Does forgiveness require certain conditions for it to be fulfilled? Forgiveness has two sides: the person needing forgiveness and the person offering forgiveness. Can we really forgive another unless the other person repents of the action and regrets the act sufficiently not to want to do it again?
2. Is there someone in your life who you have been unable to forgive?
3. Are you able to offer that person forgiveness?

## Daily Lectionary Readings

### Monday, September 18, 2023:

**Semi-continuous:** Psalm 77; Joshua 3:1-17; Hebrews 11:23-29

**Complementary:** Psalm 133; Genesis 48:8-22; Hebrews 11:23-29

### Tuesday, September 19, 2023:

**Semi-continuous:** Psalm 77; Nehemiah 9:9-15; Romans 14:13-15:2

**Complementary:** Psalm 133; Genesis 49:29-50:14; Romans 14:13-15:2

### Wednesday, September 20, 2023:

**Semi-continuous:** Psalm 77; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Mark 11:20-25

**Complementary:** Psalm 133; Genesis 50:22-26; Mark 11:20-25

### Thursday, September 21, 2023:

**Semi-continuous:** Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 15:22-27; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4

**Complementary:** Psalm 145:1-8; Nahum 1:1, 14-2:2; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4

### Friday, September 22, 2023:

**Semi-continuous:** Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10

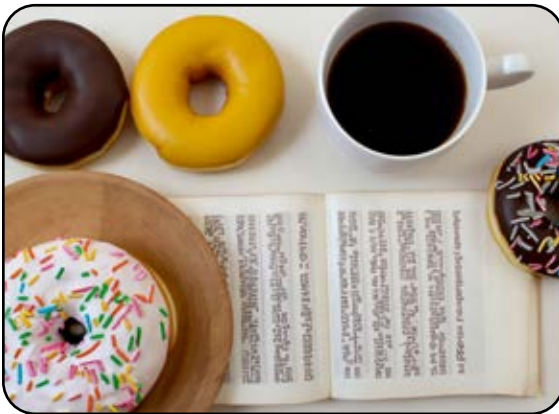
**Complementary:** Psalm 145:1-8; Nahum 2:3-13; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10

### Saturday, September 23, 2023:

**Semi-continuous:** Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:22-30; Matthew 19:23-30

**Complementary:** Psalm 145:1-8; Zephaniah 2:13-15; Matthew 19:23-30

## Announcements



### Wednesday Meditation & Prayer • September 20 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!



## **Celebrating the Re-Appointment of our Pastors with a Blaine Potluck! Today at 11:30am**

Please join us today at **11:30am** in the **Lee Activity Center** as we gather to celebrate the reappointments of our beloved pastors, Rev. Karen, Rev. Mia, Rev. Jeney and Rev. Mark, 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. Joyfully celebrate!



## 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.*

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### 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!