



blaine memorial
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship

Sunday
Nov. 12, 2023

- Worship with Blaine!**
2 | Order Poinsettias Today!
3 | All-Church Conference
4 | Thoughts & Prayers



How does joyful stewardship differ from mere duty or obligation?

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost • Hybrid Worship

Prelude

"Would I Have Answered When You Called" Ralph Williams
Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Reconciling Ministries Announcement

The Reconciling Ministries Team

*Call to Worship

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Opening Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (UMH #133)
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Opening Prayer

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Honoring Our Veterans

Tom Kometani

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:1-13 (CEB) • *マタイの福音書 25:1-13* (JLB)
Ron Nobuyama and Tsutomu Nagoya

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

The Baptism of Janet Kometani

Rev. Karen Yokota Love, Rev. Mia MiKyung Park,
and Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Special Music

"Now We Thank You, Lord" by J.P. Williams, D. Nolan
Blaine Memorial Choir

Stewardship Campaign 2024

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Second Scripture

Reading Psalm 98: 1-3 (CEB) • *詩篇 98:1-3* (JLB)
Ron Nobuyama and Tsutomu Nagoya

Sermon

Together for Joy: New Song
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Hymn of Reflection

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (TFWS #2223)
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Offering

Ron Nobuyama

*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Ron Nobuyama

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Closing Hymn

Together We Serve (TFWS #2175)
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

*Benediction

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Postlude

"May You Run and Not Be Weary" by P. Murakami, H. Hanson
Kathy Onishi

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn



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All-Church Conference Meeting • Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7:00PM

This year's All-Church Conference will be in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00PM. This gathering holds great significance for our faith community as we come together to celebrate our ministries in 2023. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Derek Nakano will preside over the meeting. SPRC will meet with Rev. Derek in person in the Webb Room at 6:00PM. All are invited to hear about the state of our church and other important updates.

Sermon Questions

1. What does Psalm 98:1-3 teach us about the joy and praise that should be associated with stewardship?
2. How can we interpret the "new song" mentioned in the passage in the context of stewardship?
3. How does joyful stewardship differ from mere duty or obligation?
4. How can this passage inspire us to be more mindful and intentional stewards of the gifts and resources that God has entrusted to us?*

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, November 13, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 78; Joshua 24:25-33;
1 Corinthians 14:20-25
Complementary: Psalm 63; Amos 8:7-14;
1 Corinthians 14:20-25

Tuesday, November 14, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 78; Nehemiah 8:1-12;
1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Complementary: Psalm 63; Joel 1:1-14;
1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Wednesday, November 15, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 78; Jeremiah 31:31-34;
Matthew 24:29-35
Complementary: Psalm 63; Joel 3:9-21; Matthew 24:29-35

Thursday, November 16, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 123; Judges 2:6-15;
Revelation 16:1-7
Complementary: Psalm 90:1-8, 12; Ezekiel 6:1-14;
Revelation 16:1-7

Friday, November 17, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 123; Judges 2:16-23;
Revelation 16:8-21
Complementary: Psalm 90:1-8, 12; Ezekiel 7:1-9;
Revelation 16:8-21

Saturday, November 18, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 123; Judges 5:1-12;
Matthew 12:43-45
Complementary: Psalm 90:1-8, 12; Ezekiel 7:10-27;
Matthew 12:43-45

Announcements



Poinsettias on the Altar

Order now through December 17, 2023

Advent season is here and it is time to sign up for poinsettias for the altar. You may dedicate a poinsettia in celebration of a person or an event, in memory of a loved one or to honor God's glory. Poinsettias may be taken home after our Christmas Eve services. **Each plant is \$12.00.** The deadline for Poinsettia Orders will be **Sunday, December 17, 2023.**

Download the form: [visit blaineonline.org](http://visit.blaineonline.org), scan the **QR code** on the right, **pick up a form** at the church office, or pick up the November issue of **the Beacon newsletter** for a copy of the poinsettia order form! The order form below should be filled out and mailed to: **Blaine Memorial UMC, Attn: Poinsettias, 3001 24th Ave South, Seattle, WA 98144.**



Choir members needed!

Tues. at 7pm, Sun at 9am, 11:45am

Join us as we bring musical messages to the Blaine family each week. If you sing, or if you would like to learn to sing, please come join! Whether you sing in public or just in the shower or are available "full-time" or "part-time," all are welcome! Contact Eugene (eaonishi@hotmail.com).

Wednesday Meditation & Prayer • November 15 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*. Finally, we end our time together with a pastoral prayer. Join us!

Thanksgiving Meal Work Party • Sunday, Nov. 19 & Monday, Nov. 20



BYG is once again partnering with Kimball Elementary School to provide Thanksgiving meals for food-insecure families. We'll gather on Sunday, November 19, after worship to prepare apple crisps together in the LAC kitchen. Additionally, on Monday at 6pm in the LAC kitchen, we'll make mashed potatoes and bake apple crisps (a light dinner in the Social Hall will be provided). We plan to deliver the meals to Kimball on Tuesday, the 21st, in the morning. Please contact BYG Directors or Terri Adolfo for more details.



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 in cancer treatment or remission

- Katie Tat, Rev. Karen and Jesse's niece
- 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 • Greg Ogata
- Suma Yagi • Connie Sekijima • Wyman Martin
- Marcia Takahashi • Rev. Shigeharu Ago

Celebrations

- Congratulations to **Blaine Memorial UMC** on voting on a welcome statement that affirms **LGBTQIA+ people** and to commemorate the Blaine Memorial UMC joining the Reconciling Ministries Network. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to **Janet Kometani** for choosing to be baptized today! We are proud of you and we celebrate you on your faith journey.
- Congratulations and thank you to all of the **Veterans** of our military services. We thank our veterans who have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. Thank you for dedicating your lives to our country. We are grateful for your service.
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating **November birthdays and anniversaries!**
- Congratulations to **Blaine Memorial UMC** and to the **volunteers** on a fun Harvest Festival and Trunk-or-Treat! It was exciting to see the creativity and joy that our community creates together.
- Congratulations to **Rev. Karen Yokota Love, Rev. Mia MiKyung Park, Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn, Rev. Dr. Mark C. Hearn** and **Rev. Cruz Edwin Santos** for being

our pastors who serve us tirelessly. We are grateful for your witness in ministry and for your dedication and service to Blaine Memorial UMC.

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 **our elected leaders** in government positions. Fill our leaders with wisdom, understanding, discernment, and knowledge. Give them the strength to make good decisions both in and out of the public eye.
- Prayers for **comfort and relief for those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses**. We ask that they receive help and support. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care.
- Prayers for the **people in Nepal** who were killed and for the dozens injured in an earthquake on November 4, 2023. We pray for the families who are rebuilding their homes and their lives. We pray for all of those who are grieving who lost loved ones.
- Prayers for the **people of Israel and Palestine** amid the violence and war. We pray for those who are dead and for the families who grieve. We pray for peace between the two regions.
- Prayers for our **unhoused siblings** in our neighborhood, in the City of Seattle, in our state, and across the country. May we improve systems so that our unhoused can be housed. May they receive the care and support necessary to find adequate housing.

Greening of Blaine 2023

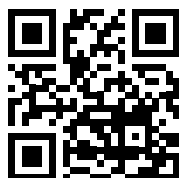
All are welcome to participate in the Greening of Blaine 2023. There will be two work parties, this year:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 28 (10a-12p)** - Worship Committee & Pam Ikegami will focus on the Sanctuary.
- **Saturday, Dec. 2 (9a-12p)** - volunteers will mount the wreaths, garlands, and swags to decorate the outside of the church and to install the year's Christmas tree. Lunch will be provided.

Please come take part! No prior experience necessary. Bring a tool to trim greenery for the wreaths! Welcome!



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Access our latest issue of the **Beacon**, connect with your favorite ministries, or check out our events calendar at blaineonline.org! Scan the QR code with your camera or QR app to see what's happening at Blaine Memorial UMC now!

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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 UMC celebrates God's gift of diversity and values the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

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Thank you, Sharon Maeda, for the wonderful flower arrangement!



Ways to Give "Every person must bring a gift in proportion to God's blessings upon you." (Deut. 16:17)

- **ONLINE:** Click the Realm logo at blaineonline.org or scan the QR code on the left.
- **MOBILE:** Download the free "Realm Connect" app. Use your sign-in and click GIVING. Contact the Church Office, blaineoffice@yahoo.com. for a Realm sign-in.
- **TEXT:** Text BLAINE to 73256. Click the link you receive and follow the prompts.
- **MAIL:** Mail a check to: Blaine Memorial UMC at 3001 24th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98144.

