

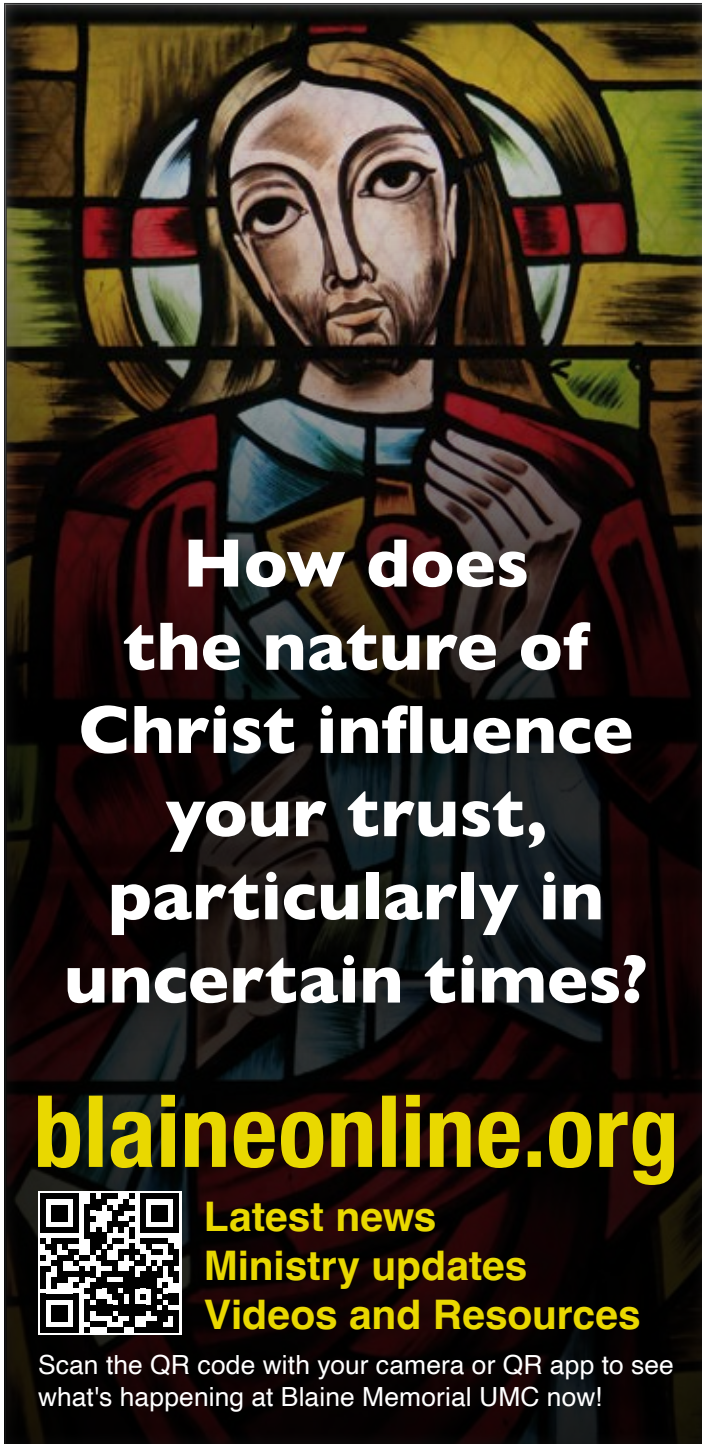
Worship

Worship with Blaine!

2 Christmas Eve Service Times 3 Poinsettias on Sale!


4 Thanksgiving Meals: Accomplished!

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023, 10am • Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost • Hybrid Worship



**How does
the nature of
Christ influence
your trust,
particularly in
uncertain times?**

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Order of Worship

Prelude

Kathy Onishi

Hymn of Reflection

*Christ is Made the Sure
Foundation* • UMH #559
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Introduction to the Offering

Stephen Sumida

*Call to Worship

*Based on Psalm 100
By Bruce Prewer*
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All
Blessings Flow* • UMH #94
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

*Opening Hymn

Gather Us In • TFWS #2236
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

*Prayer of Dedication, Pledge Card Consecration

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Opening Prayer

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46 CEB
マタイの福音書 25:31-46 JLB
S. Sumida, Y. Sofronas

*Closing Hymn

Lord of the Dance • UMH #261
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

*Benediction

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Stewardship Campaign 2024

Sharon Maeda

Postlude

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23 CEB
エペソ人への手紙 1:15-23 JLB
S. Sumida and Y. Sofronas

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Sermon

Anchored in Christ
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn



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Sermon Questions

1. The Apostle Paul emphasizes Christ as the head of the church. How does this impact your understanding of the role of Christ? How can it guide your interactions within the Christian community? What is your perspective on the role of the church in the world?

2. Reflect on the reign of Christ in verses 20-23. What does this signify about Christ's authority and in what areas of your life do you readily recognize and submit to His authority?

3. How does the unchanging nature of Christ's reign influence your trust and confidence in Him, particularly during uncertain times?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, Nov. 27, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 28;
Numbers 27:15-23;
2 Timothy 2:8-13

Complementary: Psalm 7; Esther 2:1-18; 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 28;
Zechariah 11:4-17;
Revelation 19:1-9

Complementary: Psalm 7;
Esther 8:3-17; Revelation 19:1-9

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 28;
Jeremiah 31:10-14; John 5:19-40
Complementary: Psalm 7;
Ezekiel 33:7-20; John 5:19-40

Thursday, November 30, 2023:

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 13:1-9; Revelation 14:6-13

Friday, Dec. 1, 2023:

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 14:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023:

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Micah 2:1-13; Matthew 24:15-31

Announcements

Christmas Eve Worship Times

This year, Christmas Eve is on Sunday (12/24). Therefore, Blaine Memorial UMC will host our regular 10:00AM Sunday Worship service celebrating the Fourth Sunday in Advent and one Christmas Eve Service at 5:00PM. The 5:00PM Christmas Eve Service will be our much-anticipated Christmas Eve Lesson and Carols with Candlelight Service. We hope you can join us!

Free hearing tests in the Library • Today

Do you have trouble understanding conversation in noisy places? Do you ask people to repeat themselves? Have people told you to get your hearing checked? If you are experiencing any of these concerns, there will be an opportunity immediately after worship to have your hearing checked. Offerings include a free screening of your hearing, and a free cleaning of your ears. If you use hearing aids, you can have those checked, as well. Please go to the Blaine Library to have your hearing checked!



Wednesday Meditation & Prayer • November 29 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!

Gender and Faith Workshop • November 29 at 7pm

Join the Reconciling Ministries Task Force Team for a Gender and Faith Workshop, Wednesday November 29 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. We'll build upon our learning from last session as we explore gender expression, pronouns, and gender expansiveness in the Bible. We'll continue to follow the video and discussion-based curriculum called Theology, Identity, and Me. Join us!

Zoom link:

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/94663354963>

Meeting ID: 946 6335 4963



Papar Roll Collection

Do you have extra toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls? If so, the Worship Committee is collecting them for an art project to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. Please drop off your extra toilet paper rolls and/or paper towel rolls in the black treasure chest in the Narthex. Thank you!

Holiday Card Signing • Now to December 3

You're invited to sign Christmas cards for our church members who are sick or in a skilled facility home. The cards are on multiple tables in the Social Hall waiting for your signature until Sunday (12/3). The Social Hall will be open during Church Office Hours (Tuesday-Friday, 10am-4pm). Please contact the Church Office at (206) 723-1536 if you'd like to sign the cards during the week.



Poinsettias on the Altar • Now to 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.

Visit blaineonline.org, 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.



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.

**'Tis the Season and the Place:
Calling for Haiku and Senryu
Deadline: December 22**

This year the special Advent and Christmas “ornament” for Blaine MUMC is a haiku contest dreamed up by Shig Nishida. Not just haiku, but also senryu.

Haiku is a 17-syllable poem, conventional in Japanese, in three lines of 5-7-5 syllables. Senryu, like Haiku, are 17-syllable poems about insights into society, people, rather than about perceptions of nature. Senryu are social commentary or criticism, or personal self-reflections. The poem should imply or suggest the season it occurs in, should be focused on the immediate setting or place where the poem occurs, and should try to show a spontaneous insight.

Submit your entry on a 5x7 index card (available in the entrance of the Sanctuary and in the church office) with bold and large font or handwriting in drop boxes or the office by the deadline of December 22. A panel of judges will select poems in each category submitted in Advent and the poets and their poems will be announced in church. This contest is open to members of all ages, and you may submit multiple entries with prizes awarded to winners.

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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.

Thank you Carol Kastrup for the wonderful flower arrangement!



Thanksgiving Meals distributed to families in need in South Park neighborhood!

Thank you to our young adults and BYG for baking delicious apple crisps and mashed potatoes for food-insecure families in the neighborhood. We again partnered with Kimball Elementary to ensure this Thanksgiving was a memorable one. The team also supplied baked chicken and sweet Hawaiian rolls as part of a complete dinner kit. More information will be featured in the December issue of the Beacon newsletter! Special thank you to our youth, young adults, parents, and Terri Adolfo for the careful coordination and grace needed to help live our ministry outside of our Church.

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

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- **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.

