

# Worship

- Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023, 10am
- Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Hybrid Worship

## Worship with Blaine

- 2 Holiday Closures
- 3 Poinsettia Names
- 3 Thoughts and Prayers

### Order of Worship

#### Prelude

*Carol of the Epiphany*  
By John Bell  
Kathy Onishi

#### First Scripture Reading

*Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)*  
ルカの福音書 1:26-38 (JLB)  
Arlene Naganawa  
and Tsutomu Nagoya

#### Offertory Invitation

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### Postlude

*One Holy Night  
in Bethlehem*  
By John D. Horman  
Kathy Onishi

#### Words of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### Message for the Children

Sai Hanaoka

#### Doxology

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

#### \*Passing of the Peace

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

#### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### Special Music

*I Shall Know Him  
When He Comes*  
Blaine Memorial Choir

#### Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

**Zoom  
Breakout Room**  
Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

#### \*Opening Hymn

*Angels We Have  
Heard on High*  
UMH #238  
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

#### Second Scripture Reading

*Luke 1:46-55 (NIV)*  
ルカの福音書 1:46-55 (JLB)  
Arlene Naganawa  
and Tsutomu Nagoya

**Announcements**  
Rev. Karen Yokota Love



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**Opening Prayer**  
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### Sermon

*Love that Transforms Us*  
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

**\*Closing Hymn**  
*Hark!*  
*The Herald Angels Sing*  
UMH #240  
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

**Lighting the  
Advent Candle**  
The Sofronas Family

#### Music of Reflection

*Advent Song  
by Paul Zach*  
Blaine Worship Band

**\*Benediction**  
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Thank you to Sharon Maeda for providing today's altar flowers!



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## Holiday Office and Campus Closure

The Blaine Memorial UMC Church Office and the ENTIRE CAMPUS will be CLOSED from December 25-30, 2023 and January 1-2, 2024.

We will have worship on December 31, 2023. The Church Office and Campus will open on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. All groups may resume activities on Wednesday, January 3. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

## Sermon Questions

1. In what ways can you relate to Mary's willingness to accept God's plan, even when it seemed unexpected or challenging?

2. Reflect on Mary's response, "I am the Lord's servant. May your word to me be fulfilled." (vs. 38) How does her attitude inspire your own faith and obedience in challenging circumstances? Are there instances in your life where you have struggled to obey God's plan, and what lessons can you draw from Mary's example?

## Daily Lectionary Readings

### Sun. Dec. 24, 2023: Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

**Sun. Dec. 24 & 25, 2023:  
Nativity of the Lord - Proper I**  
Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14;  
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

**Sun. Dec. 24 & 25, 2023:  
Nativity of the Lord - Proper II**  
Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7;  
Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

**Sun. Dec. 24 & 25, 2023:  
Nativity of the Lord - Proper III**  
Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12);  
John 1:1-14

**Tues. Dec. 26, 2023:**  
Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Samuel 1:19-28; Hebrews 8:1-13

**Weds. December 27, 2023:**  
Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Mark 11:1-11

**Thurs. Dec. 28, 2023:**  
Psalm 148; Jeremiah 31:15-17; Matthew 2:13-18

**Fri. Dec. 29, 2023:**  
Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:5-15; Matthew 12:46-50

**Sat. Dec. 30, 2023:**  
Psalm 148; Proverbs 9:1-12; 2 Peter 3:8-13

## Wednesday Prayer and Coffee Canceled, Dec. 27

We will resume the Wednesday Prayer and Coffee Hour on Wednesday, January 3, 2024! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Connect with Blaine!

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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 Kingdom 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.

### Ministry Staff Team

Senior Pastor	Rev. Karen Yokota Love
Associate Pastor	Rev. Mia MiKyung Park
Choir Director	Eugene Onishi
Church School Superintendent	Sai Hanaoka
BYG Director	Lynne Onishi
BYG Associate Directors	Kai Yamamoto
	Kaylee Yokoyama
	Kathy Onishi
	Yuki Sofronas
	Mimi Mar

### Lay Leadership Team

Administrative Board	Brad Miyake
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Staff Parish Relations	Sally Sekijima
SPRC Vice-Chair	Arlene Naganawa
Board of Trustees	Ron Nobuyama, Brian Okura
Finance Committee	Bob Sekijima, Gayle Miyake
Lay Leaders	Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi
Annual Conference Delegates	R. Nobuyama, George Yates



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# Poinsettias

*Honoring our loved ones this holiday season*

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**In celebration of the joy of the Advent Season**

- Eunice, Michael, Marcus & Tala Corsilles

**In celebration of Emi Kelley**

- Lisa Mar & John Hodge

**In celebration of Christmas 2023; My lovely family**

- Mike Takahashi

**In honor of Elizabeth & Itsuo Yokota; Arthur & Irma Love**

- Rev. Karen Yokota Love & Jesse Love

**In celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ**

- Dorothy Rutherford

**Happy Birthday, Jesus!**

- Steve & Yuki Sofronas

**In loving memory of Bob & Leanne Vaughan; Ted & Jean Sakahara**

- Steve Sakahara & Michelle Vaughan

**In loving memory of Rev. Dr. Sung Sang Park**

- Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

**In loving memory of Hiram & Helen Akita; Pat & Wayne Miyahira; Jane Akita**

- Barbara & Dick Nagaoka

**In loving memory of Bob Okano & Bob Klimek**

- Carol Okano

**In loving memory of Leroy Hisayasu, Clarence & Cathy Ronan**

- Debbie Hisayasu & Ken Ronan

**In loving memory of George Kaminishi**

- Laura Kaminishi

**In loving memory of my father, Soon Jae Park**

- Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

**In loving memory of Nobuo, Alice, Ray & George Kondo; Yoshimi & Florence Hoshibata**

- Cal & Lorraine Hoshibata

**In loving memory of Hide & Mich Shimomura; Eddie & Aya Shimomura**

- Patti Shimomura

**In loving memory of Tosh Mano, Tomi Mano, Janice Mano Lehman**

- Karen Mano Little

**In loving memory of Satoshi Yamamoto**

- Pearl Yamamoto

**In loving memory of Paul & Ann Inouye**

- Margaret Inouye

**In loving memory of Frank A. & Dorothy Tsuboi; In celebration of Baby Arra Elise Enebrad (born September 19, 2023)**

- Paul Chan & Carmen Tsuboi

**In loving memory of Bill, Sani & Scot Maekawa; Akemi Kurushima; Shig & Marianne Tada**

- Elaine & Michael Chin

**In loving memory of Elaine & Yasuo Arakaki**

- Anne Arakaki-Lock & Steve Lock

**In loving memory of Ed Iwamoto**

- Betty Iwamoto

**In loving memory of Bill Shiz Watanabe; the birth of our first grandbaby, Jay Tang Yasutake**

- Bruce & Judy Yasutake

**In loving memory of Betty Maekawa; Pam Okura; Tomoko Kuwanoe**

- Lesley Okura

**In loving memory of Margaret Yasuda**

- Ted Yasuda

**In loving memory of Ngan Chan**

- Paul Chan & Carmen Tsuboi

**In loving memory of William & Yae Yorozu; Richard Smith**

- Christine Yorozu

**In loving memory of Herb Noji, Fumi Noji, Mitsugi Noji**

- Kiyo Noji

**In loving memory of Harpo & Toki Sekijima; Bob & Mariam Watanabe**

- Bob & Donna Sekijima

**In loving memory of Alice Blackstock; Joe and Flo Matsukawa**

- Lori Matsukawa

**In loving memory of Bill & Shizue Watanabe**

- Dale Watanabe

**In loving memory of William Hayashi DeOliveira; Talia Jaide Ni Dufaigh**

- Susan Yanagihara

**In loving memory of Rev. & Mrs. Juhei Kono; Art Yoshioka**

- Sumi Yoshioka

**In loving memory of Lucy Sato; Bob Sato**

- Joan Sato Hernandez





## 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

- Lucy Sato, 96, a beloved church member, passed away peacefully on December 18, 2023. She lived a full, beautiful life. Our prayers go out to the Sato family and the many relatives of Lucy. She loved her family with all of her heart.

### 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
- Chuck Sitkin • Dean Tsuchida

### Those in nursing homes or care facilities

- Dorothy Akiyama

### Those with health concerns, recovery

- Madison Kelly • Greg Ogata • Wyman Martin
- Suma Yagi • Connie Sekijima
- Marcia Takahashi • Rev. Shigeharu Ago

### Celebrations

- Congratulations to all who are celebrating December birthdays and anniversaries!
- Thank you to our congregation for purchasing and wrapping gifts for our children and families at Kimball Elementary School for the Giving Tree. Thank you to Terri Adolfo for being our fierce leader for this ministry! This year, Blaine Memorial provided gifts to 70 children and 28 families. Thank you for making a difference!
- 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.

### 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 all of our friends, family members and neighbors who are currently awaiting medical test procedures or results. We ask that you help our loved ones find peace and strength in you. Grant emotional resilience as a loved one may face a test result. May you provide comfort and support and surround them with your love.
- Prayers for all of our friends and neighbors who struggle with addiction. We pray that you give them the courage and strength to face their struggles so they can be free from the sickness and pain that keeps them in bondage. May you restore their sense of self-worth, may they find redemption and restoration in you, dear Lord.
- Prayers for our planet and for the severe weather changes due to climate change. May we know the error of our ways and work towards a new sustainable lifestyle.
- 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 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.
- Prayers for the people of Israel and Palestine amid the violence and war. We pray for peace and reconciliation for people in the Israel-Hamas War. We pray for those who are dead and for the families who grieve. We pray for peace between the two regions.



Save the date!

# Blaine Memorial Anniversary Sunday

Sunday, January 28, 2024