

# Worship

Worship with Blaine!

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Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, 10am • First Sunday of Advent • Hybrid Worship

What are you  
willing to commit  
to God during  
Advent?

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## Order of Worship

### Prelude

*Like a Child*  
By D. Damon, D. Cherwien  
Kathy Onishi

### Sermon

*Our Shocking Hope*  
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Words of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Music of Reflection

*I Want to Walk as a Child  
of the Light* • UMH #206  
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

### Call to Worship

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Holy Communion

Rev. Karen Yokota Love  
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

### Opening Hymn

*Come, Thou Long  
Expected Jesus* • UMH #196  
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

### Offertory Invitation

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

### Opening Prayer

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

### Doxology

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

### Lighting the Advent Candle

Glenn, Arlene, and  
Gibby Mitsui

### Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

### Scripture Reading

*Mark 13:24-37 (NRSVUE)*  
マルコの福音書  
*13:24-37 (JLB)*  
Arlene Mitsui  
and George Yates

### Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Closing Hymn

*O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel* • UMH #211  
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

### Message for the Children

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

### Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Special Music

*Waiting for the Promise*  
By J. McGuire and L. Larson  
Blaine Memorial Choir

### Postlude

*O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel* • By L. Larson  
Kathy Onishi



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## Sermon Questions

1. What are your temple stories? What stories have been foundational for you but no longer give you a safe or life-giving place to stand?
2. What things do you do to stay awake and prepared for God's work in your life?
3. What commitments are you willing to make to God during this Advent season?

## Daily Lectionary Readings

### Monday, December 4, 2023:

Psalm 79; Micah 4:1-5;  
Revelation 15:1-8

### Tuesday, December 5, 2023:

Psalm 79; Micah 4:6-13;  
Revelation 18:1-10

### Wednesday, December 6, 2023:

Psalm 79; Micah 5:1-5a;  
Luke 21:34-38

### Thursday, December 7, 2023:

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Hosea 6:1-6;  
1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

### Friday, December 8, 2023:

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;  
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26

### Saturday, December 9, 2023:

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;  
Ezekiel 36:24-28; Mark 11:27-33

## Announcements

### December Worship Dates

**Sunday, December 3, 10:00AM**

**First Sunday of Advent and Holy Communion Sunday**

**Sunday, December 10, 10:00AM**

**Christmas Play with children and youth in the LAC**

**Sunday, December 17, 10:00AM**

**Christmas Music Sunday in the Sanctuary**

**Wednesday, December 20, 7:00PM**

**Blue Christmas Service in Kono Chapel**

**Sunday, December 24, 10:00AM**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service**

**Sunday, December 24, 5:00PM**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Lesson and Carols Service**



### The Giving Tree Gift Return Deadline • Today

Please return wrapped gifts with securely attached tags by today, Sunday (12/3) in the Social Hall. If you missed the chance to participate or contribute to the Giving Tree this year, we warmly welcome donations. For any inquiries, please contact Terri Adolfo at [locket@gmail.com](mailto:locket@gmail.com).



### Holiday Card Signing • Today!

You're invited to sign homemade Christmas cards for our church members who are sick or in a skilled facility home. We hope to see an abundance of signatures on those cards! Today is the final opportunity to sign the cards in the Social Hall.

### Free hearing tests • 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!



### Reconciling Ministries Curry Lunch! • Today!

Join us on Sunday (12/3) immediately after worship in the Social Hall when we will celebrate with joy that we are a Reconciling Ministries congregation! The Reconciling Ministries Team is hosting a chicken curry lunch with an ube cake (with a macapuno filling) celebration! ALL are welcome!



## 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](http://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 all who are celebrating December birthdays and anniversaries!
- 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. Celebrate our newly minted proclamation with a celebratory curry lunch and ube cake after worship!
- Congratulations to our children, BYG, and to all of our volunteers for preparing an abundance of Thanksgiving meals for our Kimball Elementary School and Concord Elementary School families.

### 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 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 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 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 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 the people of Israel and Palestine amid the violence and war. We pray for peace and reconciliation between Israel and Hamas. We pray for those who are dead and for the families who grieve. We pray for peace between the two regions.



**'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 to our volunteers for our wonderful flower arrangements!

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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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