

Worship

Worship with Blaine!

2 Ozoni! 3 Thoughts and Prayers

First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 31, 2023 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship

How can we cultivate patience and trust in God's time?

Order of Worship **First Sunday After Christmas Day**

Prelude

Sing We Now of Christmas
By Martin Shaw
Kathy Onishi

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40 (NRSVUE)
ルカの福音書 2:22-40 (JLB)
Tsutomu Nagoya
Michelle Yokoyama

Offertory Invitation

David Yorozu

Benediction

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Words of

Grace and Greeting
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

**Message
for the Children**
Sai Hanaoka

Doxology

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

Postlude

Once in Royal David's City
By Gauntlett

*Angels We Have
Heard on High*
By Barnes, Lovelace

Kathy Onishi

*Call to Worship

David Yorozu

Special Music
*Carols Around
(And a Round)*
By Carl J. Nygard, Jr.
Blaine Memorial Choir

Prayer of Dedication

David Yorozu

*Passing of the Peace

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

*Opening Hymn

*Angels from
the Realms of Glory*
UMH #220
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Sermon
God's Timing
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Announcements
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Zoom Breakout Room
Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Opening Prayer

David Yorozu

Music of Reflection
*Joy to the World
(Unspeakable Joy)*
By Watts, Handel, Tomlin,
Cash, and Gilder
Blaine Memorial
Worship Band

Closing Hymn
There is Song in the Air
UMH #249
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

*Thank you to Miriam Tong
for providing today's
altar flowers!*



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Sermon Questions

1. Simeon and Anna spent much of their lives in anticipation of the Messiah. How can we cultivate patience and trust in God's timing in our own lives? What lessons can we draw from their waiting period?
2. In verses 25-32, the Holy Spirit played a crucial role in Simeon's life. How can we be more attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, December 31, 2023:
First Sunday after Christmas Day
Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 14,
Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40

Monday, January 1, 2024:
Holy Name of Jesus
Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8,
Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 2:15-21

Monday, January 1, 2024:
New Year's Day
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, Psalm 8,
Revelation 21:1-6a,
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, January 2, 2024:
Psalm 148; Proverbs 1:1-7;
James 3:13-18

Wednesday, January 3, 2024:
Psalm 110; Proverbs 1:20-33;
James 4:1-10

Thursday, January 4, 2024:
Psalm 110; Proverbs 3:1-12;
James 4:11-17

Friday, January 5, 2024:
Psalm 110; Proverbs 22:1-9;
Luke 6:27-31

Saturday, January 6, 2024:
Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14,
Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Announcements



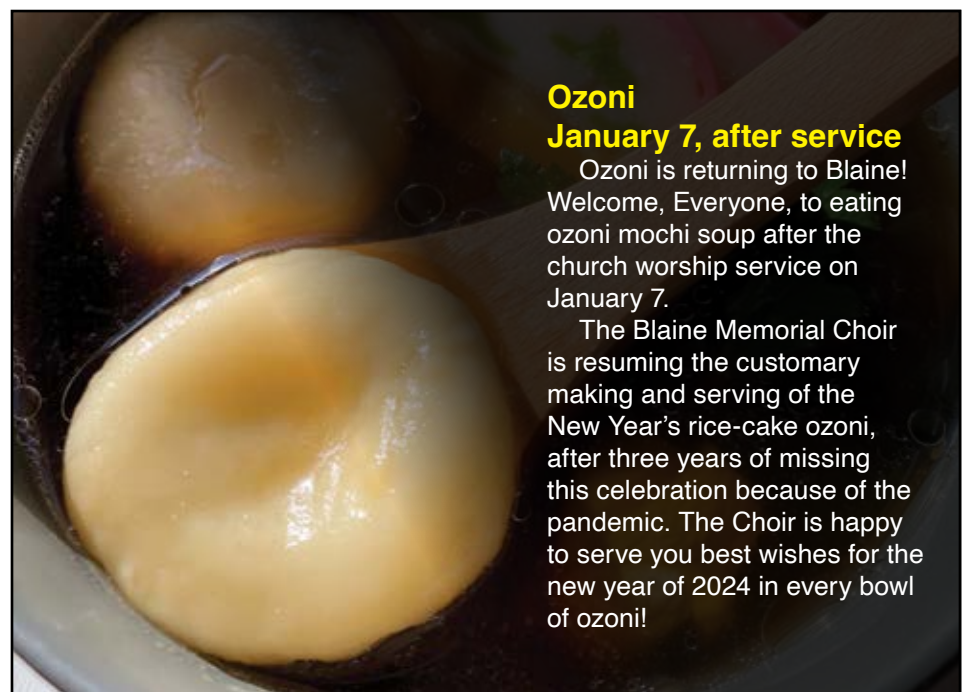
Holiday Office and Campus Closure

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

The Church Office and Campus will open on Wednesday, January 3, 2024; all groups may resume activities at this time. Have a very Happy New Year!

Wednesday Meditation & Prayer • January 3 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!



Ozoni

January 7, after service

Ozoni is returning to Blaine! Welcome, Everyone, to eating ozoni mochi soup after the church worship service on January 7.

The Blaine Memorial Choir is resuming the customary making and serving of the New Year's rice-cake ozoni, after three years of missing this celebration because of the pandemic. The Choir is happy to serve you best wishes for the new year of 2024 in every bowl of ozoni!



Guatemala Mission Trip Info Meeting • January 21, 2024

Are you interested in going on a mission trip this coming August? Do you have a desire to serve others in an underdeveloped country? Are you not sure about going, but want to learn more?

Blaine will again partner with Mission Guatemala and send a mission team to San Andrés Semetabaj, Guatemala. Please join us for a short informational meeting Sunday, January 21 in the Webb Room at 12:00. If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Donna Sekijima at b_d_sekijima@comcast.net.



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.



Sunday, January 28, 2024



Sukiyaki Dinner Returns!



Saturday, March 2, 2024

More information to come!

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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!

Ministry Staff Team

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Ron Nobuyama, Brian Okura
Bob Sekijima, Gayle Miyake
Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi
Ron Nobuyama, George Yates



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

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