

# Worship

**Worship with Blaine!**

2 Snowflake Classes! 3 Thoughts and Prayers

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Human Relations Day**

January 14, 2024 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship

## How do you listen and follow God's call?

### Order of Worship

#### Prelude

*Make Us One*  
By Carol Cymbala  
Kathy Onishi

**Welcome of  
Grace and Greeting**  
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

**\*Call to Worship**  
Dale Kaneko

**\*Opening Hymn**  
*Come, Thou Fount  
of Every Blessing*  
UMH #400  
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

**Opening Prayer**  
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

#### Scripture Reading

*1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NRSVUE)*  
サムエル記13:1-10  
Tsutomu Nagoya  
and Dale Kaneko

**Children's Message**  
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

**Special Music**  
*Be Still, My Soul*  
By Von Schlegel,  
Borthwick, Sibelius  
Blaine Memorial Choir

**Pastoral Prayer**  
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

**Scripture Reading**  
*John 1:43-51 (CEB)*  
ヨハネの福音書1:43-51 (JLB)  
Tsutomu Nagoya  
and Dale Kaneko

#### Sermon

*Listening to the Nudge*  
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

**Hymn of Reflection**  
*Cry of My Heart*  
TFWS #2165  
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

**Special Offering:**  
*Human Relations Day*  
UMC Video

**Offering Introduction**  
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

**Doxology**  
*Praise God, from Whom  
All Blessings Flow*  
UMH #94  
Kathy Onishi

**Prayer of Dedication**  
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

**Announcements**  
Rev. Karen and Friends

**\*Closing Hymn**  
*The Summons*  
TFWS #2130  
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

**\*Benediction**  
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

**\*Postlude**  
*Would I Have Answered  
When You Called*  
By Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Kathy Onishi

*Thank you to Terri Pittman for providing today's flower arrangement!*



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## Sermon Questions

1. How do you listen, hear, and follow God's call?
2. When you sense a prompting, an encouragement, or a tug on your sleeve, how do you recognize its source?
3. If you were to invite a friend to experience the best of our congregation's life and work with this simple, three-word invitation, "Come and see," to what specifically would we invite them? A worship service, a service project, a small group meeting? Where and when do you most vividly, experientially embody the Gospel that you proclaim?

## Daily Lectionary Readings

### Sunday, January 14, 2024: Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20),  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians  
6:12-20, John 1:43-51

### Monday, January 15, 2024:

Psalm 86; 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8;  
2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

### Tuesday, January 16, 2024:

Psalm 86; 1 Samuel 15:10-31; Acts  
5:1-11

### Wednesday, January 17, 2024:

Psalm 86; Genesis 16:1-14;  
Luke 18:15-17

### Thursday, January 18, 2024:

Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 19:1-15;  
Revelation 18:11-20

### Friday, January 19, 2024:

Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 20:7-13; 2  
Peter 3:1-7

### Saturday, January 20, 2024:

Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 20:14-18;  
Luke 10:13-16

## Announcements



### Crafty Moment: Snowflake ❄️ Class! Today!

If you have been enjoying the sparkling snowflakes in the Sanctuary and want to learn how to make one, Miriam Tong will be teaching a brief tutorial in the Social Hall after service today! Materials will be provided. Come and have some fun!

## Wednesday Meditation & Prayer • January 17 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!

## 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](mailto:b_d_sekijima@comcast.net).



## Sexuality and Faith Workshop January 24, 7pm

Join the Reconciling Ministries Task Force Team for a Sexuality and Faith Workshop, Weds., January 24 at 7:00pm on Zoom. We'll build on knowledge from the last two learning sessions exploring sexual orientation and the Bible. We'll follow the video/discussion-based curriculum called "Theology, Identity, and Me". We hope you'll join us!

Please Contact Lynne Onishi with questions: [lynneonishi@gmail.com](mailto:lynneonishi@gmail.com)



## 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

- Jennifer Lew • Tony Yasuda • Katie Tat
- 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

- Happy New Year! May 2024 be filled with love, laughter, and God's blessings with abundant love.
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating January birthdays and anniversaries!
- Congratulations to our Blaine family and to our staff for a wonderful Christmas season.
- Congratulations to many of our friends who retired at the end of 2023. Cheers to the many exciting adventures on the horizon.
- Congratulations to Blaine Memorial UMC for voting on a welcome statement that affirms LGBTQIA+ people and for becoming a Reconciling Ministries Church.

### 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 friends, relatives and the people who are rebuilding from a powerful earthquake which struck central Japan on January 1, 2024. We pray for the people who perished in the earthquake, and all of those who are in need of shelter and basic resources while they begin to rebuild.
- Prayers for the 379 passengers and crew on a Japan Airlines plane which burst into flames on January 2, 2024. The Japan Airlines plane collided into a smaller coastguard aircraft on the runway at Tokyo's Haneda airport. We also pray for the families who grieve the five coastguards who died on the coastguard aircraft. We pray for all of those who are recovering from the trauma and shock of this devastating accident.
- Prayers for the students and faculty who were involved in a recent shooting at Perry High School in Iowa on January 4, 2024. We pray for all who are involved in this atrocious mass shooting and all who are traumatized from this devastating incident.
- Prayers for comfort and relief for those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. 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 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.
- Prayers for our unhoused siblings in our neighborhood, in the City of Seattle, in the state of Washington, and across the country. May we improve systems so that our unhoused can be housed.

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## Afghanistan and Ukrainian Refugee Donation Ministry

At this time, needed items include women's products, toothpaste, personal care items, rice cookers, blenders, mixing bowls, microwave ovens, toasters, mixers, irons, dish sets, towels, and blankets. No to clothes or toys.

Blaine Memorial UMC Collection Hours: Tuesday-Friday between 10:00AM-4:00PM. Call the Church Office at (206) 723-1536 prior to dropping off your items.

South King County Response Center Collection Volunteer Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10:00AM-2:00PM, same time as the Tukwila Pantry at 3118 S. 140th St. Seattle. Please text Kim Parks at (206) 683-1707 when you would like to help. Please wear a mask and bring a marking pen and measuring tape if possible. Other Questions? Please contact Donna Sekijima at: donnasek@outlook.com and/or Anne Arakaki-Lock at: salock@comcast.net.



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## Anniversary Sunday • Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024

It is such a great joy to celebrate Blaine Memorial UMC's 120th Anniversary! We'll honor our church members and friends who have or will have reached by the end of January, the glorious age of 88 and older by reading their names aloud during worship.

What's a better way than to show our appreciation to our 88+ year old church members than having a 'Blaine' potluck? We are asking folks to contribute! (If you are single, please feel free to bring just one of the items. If you are 88+ years old, you do not need to bring a dish. This celebration is for you!):

- **A-H:** Main dish/dessert
- **I-S:** Main dish/salad
- **T-Z:** Main dish/rice

We hope that you can join us on to joyfully celebrate our 88+ year old church members and loved ones!

## 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 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.

### Ministry Staff Team

Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Choir Director  
Church School Superintendent  
BYG Director  
BYG Associate Directors  
  
Pianist  
Office Assistant  
Bookkeeper

Rev. Karen Yokota Love  
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park  
Eugene Onishi  
Sai Hanaoka  
Lynne Onishi  
Kai Yamamoto  
Kaylee Yokoyama  
Kathy Onishi  
Yuki Sofronas  
Mimi Mar

### Lay Leadership Team

Administrative Board  
Staff Parish Relations  
SPRC Vice-Chair  
Board of Trustees  
Finance Committee  
Lay Leaders  
Annual Conference Delegates

Brad Miyake  
Sally Sekijima  
Arlene Naganawa  
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)

- **Online:** Click the Realm logo at [blaineonline.org](http://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](mailto: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.

