

# Worship

**Worship with Blaine!**  
2 Ozoni! 3 Thoughts and Prayers

**Epiphany Sunday**  
January 7, 2024 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship

**How might you  
better live  
as a Christian  
in 2024?**

## Order of Worship

**Prelude**  
*McDonald's Reel*  
Leann Onishi & Mako Willett

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

**Call to Worship**  
Rev. Karen Yokota Love  
By Townley/Ministry Matters

**Opening Hymn**  
*The First Noel*  
UMH #245 (Verses 1-3, 5)  
Kathy Onishi

**Opening Prayer**  
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

**Scripture Reading**  
*Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSVUE)*  
創世記 1:1-5 (JLB)  
Mariko Ronan  
& Tsutomu Nagoya

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

**Scripture Reading**  
*Matthew 2:1-12 (CEB)*  
マタイの福音書 2:1-12 (JLB)  
Stephen Sumida &  
Tsutomu Nagoya

**Poem**  
*Journey of the Magi*  
By T.S. Eliot  
Stephen Sumida

**Sermon**  
*Revealed on the Journey*  
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

**Hymn of Reflection**  
*We Three Kings*  
UMH #254 (Verses 1-4)  
Kathy Onishi

**Holy Communion**  
Rev. Karen Yokota Love  
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

**Holy Communion Music**  
*Star Child*  
By Onishi, Tsuki, Taki, Yamada  
Leann Onishi & Mako Willett

**Offering Introduction**  
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

**Offertory Music**  
*Amazing Grace*  
Leann Onishi & Mako Willett

**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**  
*Joy to the World*  
UMH #246 (Verses 1-4)  
Kathy Onishi

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

**\*Postlude**  
*Hamachiduri*  
*Traditional Okinawan Song*  
Leann Onishi & Mako Willett

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

*Thank you to Sharon Maeda for providing today's flower arrangements!*



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## Sermon Questions

1. Describe a recent epiphany that you've had or an Aha moment. How did that change you?
2. What are the barriers to faith and following Jesus that you must contend with in your life right now (*ex: doubt, negative church experiences, etc.*)? What are some the current faith struggles that you are dealing with?
3. How is the Christian life exemplified in the magi (*seeking Jesus, worshiping Jesus, offering our gifts to Jesus*)?
4. How might you better live as a Christian this coming year? How can this group help?

## Daily Lectionary Readings

### Sunday, January 7, 2024:

Baptism of the Lord  
Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

### Monday, January 8, 2024:

Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Genesis 17:1-13; Romans 4:1-12

### Tuesday, January 9, 2024:

Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Exodus 30:22-38; Acts 22:2-16

### Wednesday, January 10, 2024:

Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Isaiah 41:14-20; John 1:29-34

### Thursday, January 11, 2024:

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:6-15; 2 Corinthians 10:1-11

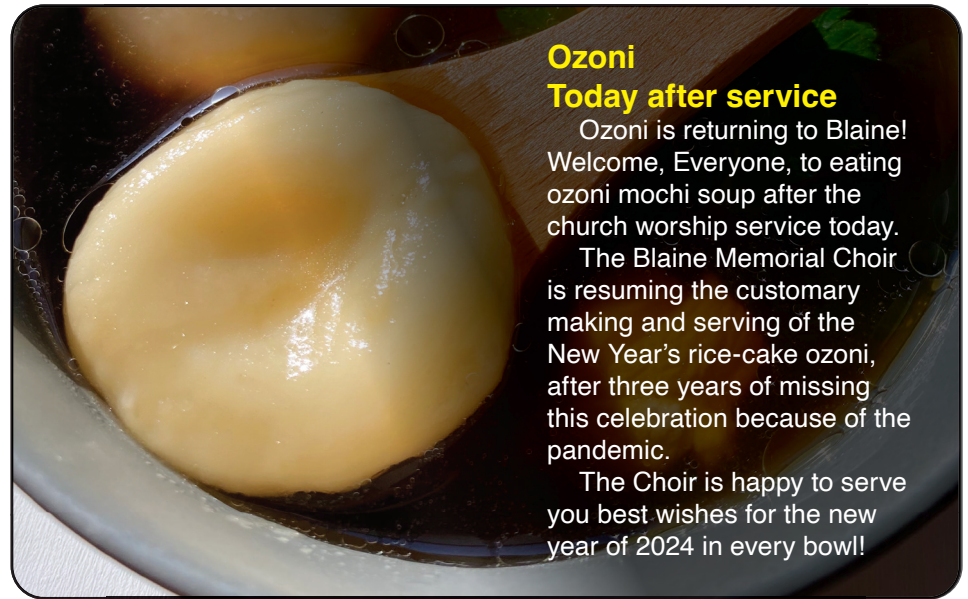
### Friday, January 12, 2024:

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:16-23; Acts 13:16-25

### Saturday, January 13, 2024:

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 2:21-25; Matthew 25:1-13

## Announcements



### Ozoni Today after service

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

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!

## De-greening, removing the Christmas decorations Today, after lunch

The Worship Committee is needing your help and calling all Blaine Memorial members! We need help immediately after lunch to remove the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary. We'll also need help removing all the swag around the church campus. Immediately after the Ozoni soup lunch, please stick around to help take down the decorations. If we have more helping hands, the de-greening will go faster. We thank you in advance!



## Wednesday Meditation & Prayer • January 10 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).







## 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 bursted 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.

## Afghanistan and Ukranian 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](mailto:donnasek@outlook.com) and/or Anne Arakaki-Lock at: [salock@comcast.net](mailto: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.
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