

Worship

Worship with Blaine!

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4 Day of Remembrance 2024

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024 • 11:00am

Hybrid Worship

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How can you return to your relationship with God?

Order of Worship

Prelude

*Dear Lord and Father
of Mankind
(UMH #358)
Yuki Sofronas*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Contemplation

*Jesus, Remember Me
(UMH #488)
Yuki Sofronas*

Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Opening Prayer

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Scripture Reading

*Genesis 3:19
Barbara Nagaoka*

Explanation of the Recognition of Ashes

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Postlude

*Lord, Who Throughout
These Forty Days
(UMH #269)
Yuki Sofronas*

Congregational Hymn

*Lord, Who Throughout
These Forty Days
Verses 1-3
(UMH #269)
Yuki Sofronas*

Scripture Reading

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Barbara Nagaoka*

*Take Time to Be Holy
(UMH #395)
Yuki Sofronas*

Scripture Reading

*Joel 2:12-13
Barbara Nagaoka*

Meditation

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Closing Hymn

*I Surrender All
(UMH #354)
Yuki Sofronas*



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Sermon Questions

How is the Ash Wednesday Gospel message more about our motives than our actions? (Matt 6:1-6, 16-21)

What do we learn about the character of God from Joel 2:12-13? How can you return to/reboot your relationship with God?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Wednesday, February 14, 2024: Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thursday, February 15, 2024:

Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:1-14;
1 John 1:3-10

Friday, February 16, 2024:

Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:15-25a;
2 Timothy 4:1-5

Saturday, February 17, 2024:

Psalm 25:1-10; Psalm 32;
Matthew 9:2-13

Announcements



Wednesday Meditation & Prayer • February 14 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!

Lent Book Studies

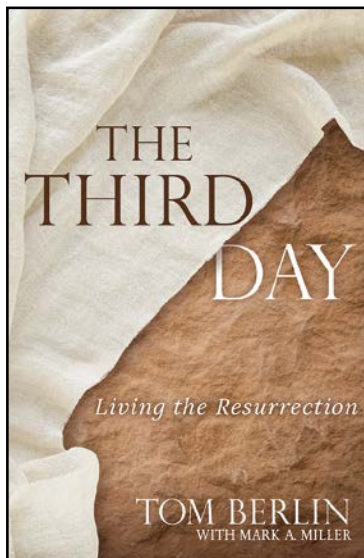
The Third Day: Living the Resurrection Lenten Book Study

This year's All Church Lenten study is The Third Day: Living the Resurrection by Tom Berlin and Mark A. Miller. This study will begin on Tuesday, February 13, at 7 pm via Zoom and will be facilitated by Rev. Mia MiKyung Park and Rev. Karen Yokota Love. The link will be emailed prior to the meeting date. We will also meet on Tuesdays: 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, and 3/19 to discuss each chapter.

The Office is selling The Third Day: Living the Resurrection books for \$14.00 and the Leader Guide is \$12.00. You are welcome to buy the book in the Office and read with your small groups.

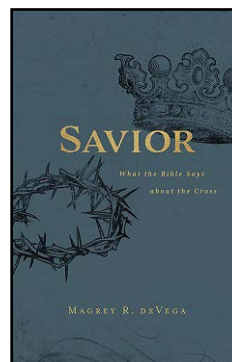
In The Third Day: Living the Resurrection, Tom Berlin uses his storytelling gifts and scriptural understanding to connect readers to the experiences of individuals around Jesus in his final days. The focus is on new life and redemption rather than loss.

Come and journey with characters like Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they experience the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study will explore events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.



NJAUMC Lenten Book Study begins on Monday, Feb. 19, 2024!

You're invited to join Rev. John Miyahara (US Navy Chaplain), Rev. Brian Lee (Simpson UMC), and members of the Japanese American United Methodist Caucus congregations in a 6-week Advent book study. We will be reading Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross by Magrey DeVega. Books are \$17.00 in the Church Office. Please note that reading the book isn't required! The



first session will start on Monday, February 19 from 4:30-6:00 PM (Hawaii), 6:30-8:00 PM (Pacific) and 7:30-9:00 PM (Mountain). The study will conclude on Mon., March 25.



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 Hayasaka and Sato families 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
- 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

- Sumi Yoshioka • Sam Wakasugi
- Madison Kelly • Greg Ogata
- Suma Yagi • Wyman Martin
- Marcia Takahashi • Rev. Shigeharu Ago

Celebrations

- Happy 120th Anniversary, Blaine Memorial UMC! Today is a momentous day in the history of this faith community. Let us continue to worship together, pray together, lift up the Lord's Holy Name in thanksgiving and bless God for all the ways in which God has blessed us.
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating January birthdays and anniversaries!

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 the members of Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple as they recover from an arsonist who broke into the temple and started a fire on New Year's Eve. We pray as they grieve the loss of historical archives that are more than 120 years old. We are grateful that nobody was hurt in the fire. May Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple receive peace and may their extended community support them with love and encouragement.
- 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 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 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.



Bob Ross Painting Night • Friday, February 16!

Join the Innovation Hub for an evening of fellowship, painting, and relaxing while we watch Bob Ross on Friday, February 16 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the Social Hall! We will provide some light snacks and beverages as well as painting supplies and materials! All are welcome. Scan the QR code or sign up here: <https://forms.gle/5eLsmiRjoP3FFbaz6>

Please email Lynne Onishi at lynneonishi@gmail.com with any questions. We can't wait to see you there!



Day of Remembrance 2024 “Remember & Resist” • Sunday, February 18 (See details)

Sunday, February 18, 1:00 – 3:30 pm (One event at TWO sites)

Washington State Fairgrounds' Agriplex

5th St SW, Puyallup, WA 98371
1:00 - 1:45pm

Northwest Detention Center

1623 E J Street, Tacoma, WA 98421
2:30 - 3:30 pm

Scan the QR code below or sign up at <https://forms.gle/6H1vWDcy4bAjfaj68>

February 19, 2024 will mark 82 years since the signing of Executive Order 9066, ordering the forced removal and mass incarceration of Japanese Americans on the West Coast. Most Japanese Americans in the Seattle area spent their first few months in detention at the Puyallup Assembly Center, ironically nicknamed “Camp Harmony.” It’s now the site of the State fairgrounds.



The trauma of family separation, child imprisonment, poor sanitation, bad food, inadequate health care, and uncertain futures CONTINUES today at Northwest Detention Center (NWDC) in Tacoma, just a 20 minute drive from Puyallup. NWDC is a private prison with capacity to hold 1500 immigrants, but Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) is secretive and never disclose how many are incarcerated or who they are. We know most are from Mexico, Central & South America, Southeast Asia, India, Africa and the Middle East who seek asylum and

opportunity in the US.

Conditions inside are horrific; detainees often hold long hunger strikes demanding humane treatment and their legal rights. There were 7 last year and another in January. This private for profit prison in our state must shut down.

Join us to hear from incarceration survivors at both Puyallup and Tacoma - Japanese American camp survivors and people recently detained at NWDC. There will be Taiko! When we raise the roof with drums and voices, those held inside know they are not forgotten.

Please come to both parts of this important event - we will remember our past AND speak out for the rights of others.

Organized by Tsuru for Solidarity, La Resistencia, Puyallup and Seattle chapters of the JACL, Minidoka Pilgrimage Planning Committee, and Densho. For more information, media inquiries, and to find out about volunteer opportunities email info@seattlejacl.org.

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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.

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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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