

# Worship 崇拜



## Worship with Blaine!

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## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024 • 10:00am  
Hybrid Worship

How can we express our  
faith through acts of love and  
compassion to those around us?

### Order of Worship

#### Prelude

*Taste and See*  
By James E. Moore  
Kathy Onishi

#### First Scripture Reading

民数記 21:4-9 (JLB)  
Numbers 21:4-9 (CEB)  
Yuki Sofronas  
& Pam Yorozu

#### Sermon

*For God So  
Loved the World*  
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

#### Announcements

Rev. Karen and Friends

#### Welcome of

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

#### Children's Message

Steve Sumida

#### Hymn of Reflection

*What a Friend  
We Have in Jesus*  
UMH #526  
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

#### \*Closing Hymn

*They'll Know We Are  
Christians by Our Love*  
TFWS #2223  
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

#### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### Special Music

*There's a Wilderness in  
God's Mercy*  
By Faber, Nussel, Nix  
Blaine Memorial Choir

#### Introduction to the Offering

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### \*Benediction

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

#### \*Opening Hymn

*God Is Here*  
UMH #660  
(Verses 1, 2, and 4)  
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

#### Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### \*Doxology

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

#### Postlude

*More Like You*  
By Scott Wesley Brown  
Kathy Onishi

#### Opening Prayer

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### Second Scripture Reading

ヨハネの福音書  
3:14-21 (JLB)  
John 3:14-21 (CEB)  
Yuki Sofronas  
& Pam Yorozu

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn



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Sermon Questions

How does understanding God’s love, as demonstrated in John 3:14-21, shape our belief and attitudes?

What specific changes might occur in our lives when we truly grasp the depth of God’s love, as described in this passage?

How can we practically express our faith in Jesus through acts of love and compassion towards those around us?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, March 10, 2024:

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

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| <b>Monday, March 11, 2024:</b><br>Psalm 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27;<br>Hebrews 3:1-6   | <b>Tuesday, March 12, 2024:</b><br>Psalm 107:1-16; Numbers 20:1-13;<br>1 Corinthians 10:6-13 | <b>Wednesday, March 13, 2024:</b><br>Psalm 107:1-16; Isaiah 60:15-22;<br>John 8:12-20 |
| <b>Thursday, March 14, 2024:</b><br>Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18;<br>Hebrews 4:1-13 | <b>Friday, March 15, 2024:</b><br>Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 30:1-10;<br>Hebrews 4:14-5:4         | <b>Saturday, March 16, 2024:</b><br>Psalm 51:1-12; Habakkuk 3:2-13;<br>John 12:1-11   |

Announcements



Order Easter Lilies, now! • Due March 24

How to Order:

- Scan the QR code on the right to download the order form. The cost for each plant is \$12. You can submit your form by **Sunday, March 24.**
- Send to Blaine Memorial UMC, ATTN: Easter Lily, 3001 24th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98144.
- Bring form to the church office.
- Or, place this form in the offering plates by **Sunday, March 24, 2024.**



Educational Scholarships 2024, Apply Now! • Due May 15, 2024

The Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Educational Scholarships are designed to support the mission of the church through supporting a multitude of educational opportunities. We are proud to have helped students in their pursuit of continuing education since 1968. We encourage **all** applicants; from those just entering their next phase of education to those returning to complete or pursue continued education.

We are blessed to offer the following scholarships:

- *Vera Ing Scholarship*
- *Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Scholarship*
- *Yasuda Scholarship*
- *William S. Yorozu Scholarship*
- *Robert S. Sato Scholarship*

Applications are available through emailing [BlaineUMCScholarships@gmail.com](mailto:BlaineUMCScholarships@gmail.com) or through the church office. All scholarships will consider, but are not limited to, elements such as grades (if applicable), personal essay, church participation and finances.

Applications and two (2) letters of recommendation must be received no later than May 15, 2024 for consideration. We are looking forward to applicants excited about pursuing their education.





## 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

- Margie Smith, 99, a beloved church member, passed away peacefully on December 25, 2023. Margie is survived by daughter Anita Kuroiwa-Schiff (Stan); grandson Dustin Paul Kuroiwa; and her little dog, Bella; in addition to an extended family too numerous to list.  
**There will be a public memorial service on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 1:00PM at Blaine Memorial UMC.** In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church.
- Aida Kozu, 104, a beloved church member, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2024 in Seattle, WA. She is survived by her three children: John (married to Darlene Eng-Kozu) of Seattle, Patricia of New York City, and Michael of Boston. Aida is survived by her grandchild and church member, Ryan Kozu (married to Marina Furuta-Kozu) and great-grandson Joshua. She is survived by many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held for immediate family members. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Aida's memory to Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, Project R.I.G.H.T., or your favorite cause.
- 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. Lucy is survived by her children, David (Terry), Dean, Stan, Joan, Richard (Trinh), Sam (Janet), Mike (Joanne); thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She loved her family with all of her heart. The immediate family held a private burial service on March 9, 2024 in accordance with Lucy's request. She will be laid to rest joining her late husband, Robert Sato at the Washington Memorial Cemetery. Remembrances may be made to: Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, Nisei Veterans Committee or a charity of your choice.

### 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 • Pui Chung Ngao Wong
- Madison Kelly • Greg Ogata • Sam Wakasugi
- Suma Yagi • Wyman Martin
- Marcia Takahashi • Rev. Shigeharu Ago

### Celebrations

- Congratulations on the success of Blaine's Sukiyaki Benefit Fundraiser! This ministry to the community was a marvelous success as we met and greeted old friends and made new ones. Riverton Park UMC Migrant Support Services is this year's beneficiary. Thank you for raising funds to help the migrants who are living outside of the church and thank you for the abundance of blankets! Thank you to all of the volunteers who put their faith and heart into this ministry event!
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating March 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 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.
- 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 the 82nd year of the EO 9066 Day of Remembrance on February 19, 2024, when our nation was gripped with wartime fears and uncertainty and our ancestors were assembled and sent to incarceration camps. Let us learn from past errors and know that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. May we be moved to be allies, to speak up and speak out, and to ensure that such an injustice is not repeated for any group of marginalized people.



### Wednesday Meditation & Prayer March 13 at 9am

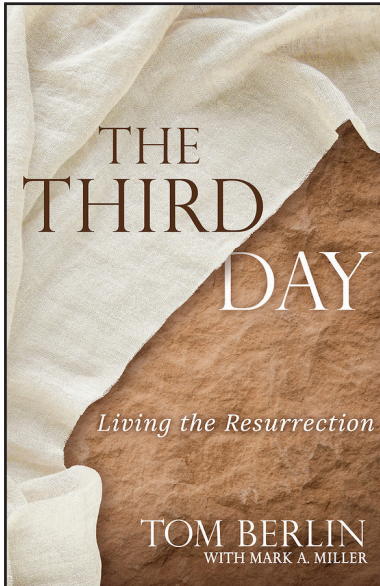
The Wednesday Prayer group continues to meet each week. Our time together consists of a check-in question centering around United Methodist Founder John Wesley's famous question, "How is it with your soul?" Our time together continues with a few readings from The Upper Room Magazine. Finally, we end 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. Join us in this Zoom study on Tuesdays at 7:00PM, which is being facilitated by Rev. Mia MiKyung Park and Rev. Karen Yokota Love. The link will be emailed prior to the meeting date. The remaining Tuesdays are 3/12 and 3/19.



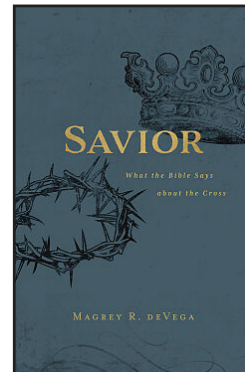
The Office is selling *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection* books for \$14.00 and the Leader Guide is \$12.00. You are welcome to buy the book in the Office and read with your small groups.

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 continues until March 25!

Join Rev. John Miyahara (UMC/ US Navy Chaplain), Rev. Brian Lee (Simpson UMC), and members of the Japanese American United Methodist Caucus congregations in a 6-week Lenten book study. We are 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! Join us tomorrow, Monday,



March 11 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.

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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  
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Lay Leaders  
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Brad Miyake  
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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.

