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Worship with Blaine!

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 2 Guatemala Meeting, Today
 2 Pre-Order Easter Lilies!
- Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024 • 10:00am Hybrid Worship

How do you calculate the math of grace?

Order of Worship

Prelude

Love the Lord Your God By Jean and Jim Strathdee Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

*Call to Worship

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

***Opening Hymn**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH #400 Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Opening Prayer

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

First Scripture Reading

ヨハネの福音書 12:20-33 (JLB) John 12:20-33 (CEB) Yuki Sofronas & Dale Watanabe

Children's Message

Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Blessing of the Blankets

Rev. Karen Yokota Love & Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Special Music

Lord, Sanctify Me Wholly
By Thomas Ken and Jean Pasquet
Blaine Memorial Choir

Second Scripture Reading

マタイの福音書 18:15-22 (JLB) Matthew 18:15-22 (CEB) Yuki Sofronas & Dale Watanabe

Sermon

How Many Times Should We Forgive? Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Reflection

My Hope Is Built UMH #368 (Verses 1-2, 4) Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church

Introduction to the Offering

Dale Watanabe

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

Dale Watanabe

Announcements

Rev. Karen and Friends

*Closing Hymn

Seek the Lord UMH #124 Kathy & Eugene Onishi

*Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

It Is Well with My Soul By Bliss/Carter Kathy Onishi

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn











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Sermon Questions

Some translate Jesus' response to Peter's question in Matthew 18:22 as "seventy-seven times" and others translate it as "seventy times seven." What is the significance of this? How do you calculate the math of grace?

What would this look like if applied on a larger scale, such as in our criminal justice system? Are there any specific situations or circumstances where you would choose not to follow this advice?

What do you think of Jesus' step-by-step advice for dealing with conflict? Have you ever followed this when someone hurt you? How did that go?

Do we need to forgive a person if they haven't asked for forgiveness yet?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, March 17, 2024:

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Monday, March 18, 2024: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 43:8-13; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11	Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 44:1-8; Acts 2:14-24	Wednesday, March 20, 2024: Psalm 119:9-16; John 12:34-50 Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23;
Thursday, March 21, 2024: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Deuteronomy 16:1-8; Philippians 2:1-11	Friday, March 22, 2024: P salm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:1-9; Philippians 2:12-18	Saturday, March 23, 2024: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:10-16; Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

Announcements

Guatemala Mission Meeting · Today

Our second Guatemala mission meeting will be Sunday, March 17 at 11:45 a.m. in the Webb Room. We hope to get a rough count on who is going so we can start looking into airfare. The trip date is August 16-24, 2024, only about 5 months away. If you can't make the meeting but still are interested in going, please let us know.



Order Easter Lilies, now! • Due March 24

How to Order:

- Scan the QR code on the left 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 S, 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 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 greatgrandchildren. 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



Wednesday Meditation & Prayer March 20 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!

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!

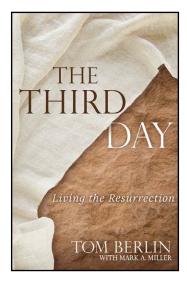
For our United Methodist Church

 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.

Lent Book Studies



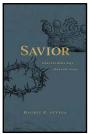
The Third Day: Living the Resurrection Lenten Book Study

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. Our last meeting will be March 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 18 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.

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