

Worship 崇拜

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Scholarship Sunday

August 25, 2024 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship

Worship with Blaine!

- 2 Remembrance Gallery Opening!
- 3 Updated Prayer List
- 4 Reflections on 120 Years of Grace

How you dedicate
your own life to God?

Order of Worship

Prelude

The Voice of God Is Calling

By Holmes/Lloyd
UMH #436
Miriam Tong

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Call to Worship

Allyson Sofronas

*Opening Song

I Sing Praises to Your Name

(TFWS #2037)
Eugene Onishi and Miriam Tong

Opening Prayer

Allyson Sofronas

First Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20 (JLB, CEB)

George Yates, Kaylee Yokoyama

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Celebrating Our Blaine

Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Michelle Vaughan

- Aidan Lew
- Allison Hall
- Allyson Sofronas
- Joshua Santos
- Kaylee Yokoyama
- Kobe Yamamoto
- Lynne Onishi
- Malia Yamamoto
- Michelle Yokoyama

Prayers of the People

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Second Scripture Reading

1 Kings 8: 1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43 (JLB, CEB)

George Yates, Kobe Yamamoto

Sermon

Sent Out to Live

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Meditation

God is Here

(UMH #660)
Eugene Onishi and Miriam Tong

Introduction to the Offering

Joshua Santos

Offertory Music

The Compassion Hymn

By Getty/Getty/Townsend
Miriam Tong

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings

Miriam Tong

*Prayer of Dedication

Joshua Santos

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Closing Hymn

Surely the Presence of the Lord

(UMH #328)
Eugene Onishi and Miriam Tong

*Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

We Are the Body of Christ

By Brown/Hampton/Fettke
Miriam Tong



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announcements!

Thank you to Miriam Tong for providing today's flower arrangement!

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Sermon Questions

- Compare Solomon's dedication of the Temple with how you dedicate your own life to God. How are they similar or different?
- How does Solomon's blessing to the people encourage a personal commitment to faithfulness?
- How do these readings challenge your understanding of God's presence in your life?
- Discuss the role of humility and how it impacts your personal faith journey.

Daily Lectionary

Sunday, August 25, 2024

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 and Psalm 84; Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 and Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Monday, August 26, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 11; 1 Kings 5:13-18; Ephesians 5:21-6:9; Complementary: Psalm 119:97-104; Nehemiah 9:1-15; Ephesians 5:21-6:9

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 11; 1 Kings 6:1-14; Ephesians 6:21-24; Complementary: Psalm 119:97-104; Nehemiah 9:16-31; Ephesians 6:21-24

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 11; 1 Kings 6:15-38; John 15:16-25; Complementary: Psalm 119:97-104; Isaiah 33:10-16; John 15:16-25

Thursday, August 29, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Song of Solomon 1:1-17; James 1:1-8; Complementary: Psalm 15; Exodus 32:1-14; James 1:1-8

Friday, August 30, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Song of Solomon 2:1-7; James 1:9-16; Complementary: Psalm 15; Exodus 32:15-35; James 1:9-16

Saturday, August 31, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Hosea 3:1-5; John 18:28-32; Complementary: Psalm 15; Exodus 34:8-28; John 18:28-32

Announcements



Prayer and Coffee • Wednesdays at 9am

Join Rev. Karen for prayer and community on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM on Zoom. Our time together consists of brief check-ins, devotionals, and prayers. This is a great way to start your morning, clear and center your mind, all while connecting with God and your prayer community. Feel free to bring a cup of coffee, tea, and a bite to eat. Hope to see you on Wednesday. Contact the Church office for the link!



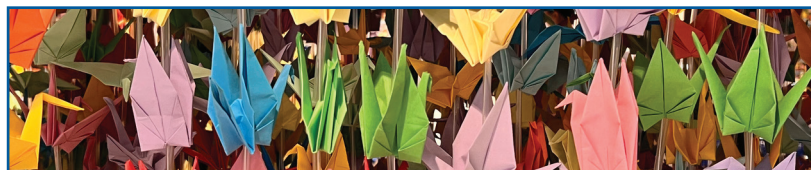
Remembrance Gallery to open soon! • August 30, 2024

Blaine Memorial UMC is invited to a special viewing of the Remembrance Gallery on Opening Day of the Washington State Fair! The Puyallup Valley Japanese American Citizens League is cordially inviting us to a special viewing at 10:30am to see the brand-new Remembrance Gallery at the Washington State Fairgrounds on Friday, August 30, 2024.

We are currently organizing carpools. We will leave Blaine at 9:00AM to arrive at the Washington State Fairgrounds by 10:30AM. This opportunity comes with **free admission** and **free parking** at the fairgrounds. Please contact Yuki at blaineoffice@yahoo.com if you are interested in going to this much anticipated event. We need a solid head count by Wednesday, August 28. Thank you!

Tsuru for Solidarity Presents: Liberation Obon! September 1, 2024, 1:00pm to Dusk

Outside the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC)
1623 E J Street, Tacoma, WA 98421



Shut down NWDC! Liberation Obon will celebrate ancestors and resilience to end immigrant detention! Join La Resistencia and Tsuru for Solidarity as we protest wrongful imprisonment. Wear your heritage clothing! Blaine will organize a group to go to the obon after worship! Please contact Yuki if you're interested in participating!



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

- **Thomas Yoshio “Tom” Kometani**, 89, passed away peacefully at home on July 5, 2024, surrounded by his family. Tom is survived by Janet Kometani, his beloved spouse for 64 years, his daughter Sue Dittmann and sons Jim, Mike and Steve Kometani. He is also survived by his four grandchildren Craig, Miye and Neil Dittmann and Tyler Kometani. A Celebration of Tom Kometani’s Life will be held at a future date.
- **Ted Takashi Yasuda**, 101, passed away on June 24, 2024, at home, surrounded by his family. Ted was a dad, grandpa and great grandfather, who began his life in Turlock, California on August 17, 1922, as the fourth child of Shingoro and Tsuchino Yasuda. Ted served in the U.S. Army, 442nd Regimental Combat team, during WWII. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1950 and worked for Boeing, until 1987. His wife, Margaret, predeceased him in 2009. His survivors include Roderick (Roxanne Marie) Yasuda, Beverly (Thomas) Ikeda, and Roxanne (Eric) Guion, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Remembrances may be made to the Yasuda Family Scholarship, in care of Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church.
- **Constance “Connie” Sekijima** (née Nishitani), 102, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 17, 2024, surrounded by her family. Predeceased by her husband, Hideki, she is survived by her daughter Sally Sekijima and son Dale Sekijima (Nancy); granddaughter Becky; extended family members Sammy and Elda and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Blaine Memorial UMC and/or Highland Park UMC in Spokane, WA.
- **Richard “Dick” Nagaoka**, 83, a beloved church member, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 29, 2024. Dick was surrounded by his family. He lived a full, beautiful life. Dick is survived by his wife Barbara; children: Stacy Nagaoka Shirouzu (Tony Zapata), Kristen (Mark) Hatate and Pamela Shimer. Dick is also survived by his grandchildren Jarrett Shirouzu, Sammi (Harrison) Wirth, Rick (Emily) Hatate, Mitchell Hatate, Luke Shimer, two great-grandchildren Malia Wirth and Olivia Hatate; sisters Ruth Shigemi and Jane Yamagiwa, cousin Joyce (Russ) Akiyama; in-laws Jerry (June) Akita and Corky (Jim) Kozu and numerous nieces and nephews. He loved his family with all of his heart. *A public Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church.* Please wear casual attire. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Blaine Memorial UMC.

Those in cancer treatment or remission

- Jerolyn Yoshihara • Jennifer Lew • Duong Nguyen
- Quy Phi • Nikki Palmer • Chuck Sitkin
- Dean Tsuchida • Katie Tat

Those with health concerns, recovery

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

Celebrations

- Congratulations to all who are celebrating August birthdays and anniversaries!

For our United Methodist Church

- Prayers for continued anti-racism work in the UMC. May we be reminded that God creates all people in God’s image and calls us to love one another as God loves us. Give us eyes to see God as God is revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.
- We continue to pray for the United Methodist Church is journey through a time of significant change as we navigate new ways to live into that new reality.

For our community, nation, and world

- Prayers for clean water for the thirsty. We pray for the estimated 703 million people around the world who don’t have access to basic drinking water. We pray for restored health.
- Prayers for the United States of America as we embark on a final 73-day stretch of a rapidly evolving 2024 presidential election race between former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris.
- Prayers for the people of Israel and Palestine amid the violence and war. We pray for an immediate ceasefire, an end to the violence, and the release of all hostages. We pray for world leaders with influence in the region to make wise decisions that lead to lasting peace. We pray that God’s peace fill the hearts and minds of everyone who is suffering as a result of this conflict.
- Prayers for the Ukrainian people, for protection and peace between Ukraine and Russia. We pray for restoration and renewed hope. We pray for the families, especially, the children living through the horrors of war and all the upheaval and tribulation it brings.

Reflections on 120 Years of Grace Discussion Sessions • 9/15, 9/22, 10/13, 10/20

The Archives Committee is sponsoring a four-part discussion series on the 120-year history and future of Blaine Memorial UMC, titled “Reflections on 120 Years of Grace.” The discussion sessions will be held 11:45 AM-12:45 PM after Sunday worship in the Webb Room. Light refreshments will be served.

The first session, titled “Go Forth in Hope,” will discuss the early church from 1904 to 1941. The second session, titled “Strong in Hope,” will discuss the incarcerated church in WW II and the postwar rebuilding of the church to 1964. The third session, titled “Serve in Love,” will center on the

years 1965 to 2024 and the fourth, titled “Into the Future,” will reflect on what we have learned and discuss our visions for the future development of the church. Materials will be presented from the archives as well as church members knowledgeable about each period will speak of their

experiences.

The Archives Committee is organizing a “competition” organized by Shig Nishida. Submit your reflections on the history and future of Blaine Memorial UMC. Submit a few sentences, a paragraph, a short essay, short graphic novel/cartoon/anime, short play, a prayer,

poems, music/song (new composition or lyrics sung to the tune of a known song), artwork, video, dance, etc. Let us read/hear/see/feel your thoughts on the 120 years of Grace and the next 120 years of Grace for Blaine Memorial UMC. Submit your entries to the Blaine Memorial UMC office at blaineoffice@yahoo.com by October 27, 2024 (sooner than later is preferred).

The Archives Committee continually seeks relevant church documents, photographs, and other materials and memorabilia to add to our archival records and illuminate previously unknown parts of our church’s history. Please let the committee know if you have any materials to donate or materials for the committee to scan and add to the archives.



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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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Ways to Give “Every person must bring a gift in proportion to God’s blessings upon you.” (Deut. 16: 17)

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