



# Worship 崇拜

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship

Worship with Blaine!

2 Today: Liberation Obon!

3 Updated Prayer List

4 Reflections on 120 Years of Grace

**What habits challenge your relationship with God?**

## Order of Worship

### Prelude

**Ave verum corpus**

By W.A. Mozart

Yuki Sofronas

### Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### \*Opening Song

**We Sing to You, O God**

(TFWS #2001)

Michelle Vaughan and Miriam Tong

### Opening Prayer

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### First Scripture Reading

**James 1:17-27 (CEB)**

Dale Kaneko

### Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

### Second Scripture Reading

マルコの福音書 / **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Tsutomu Nagoya, Dale Kaneko

### Sermon

**Heart of the Matter**

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Hymn of Meditation

**Spirit Song**

(UMH #347)

Michelle Vaughan and Miriam Tong

### Holy Communion

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Introduction to the Offering

Dale Kaneko

### Offertory Music

Miriam Tong

### \*Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom All**

**Blessings Flow**

Miriam Tong

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Dale Kaneko

### Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### \*Closing Hymn

**Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

Michelle Vaughan and Miriam Tong

(UMH #664)

### \*Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

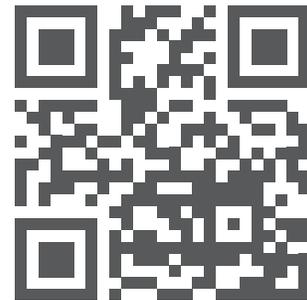
### Postlude

**Blessed Assurance**

By Knapp/Carter

Yuki Sofronas

*Thanks to Carol Kastrup for providing today's flower arrangement.*



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## Sermon Questions

- Which of your family traditions mean the most to you and why?
- Looking at Jesus' list of the things that "defile us," which of your habits challenge your relationship with God?
- What is one new "heart habit" that could bring you closer to God this week?

## Daily Lectionary

### Sunday, September 01, 2024

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 and Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Monday, September 02, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 3:6-11; 1 Timothy 4:6-16; Complementary: Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:9-14; 1 Timothy 4:6-16

### Tuesday, September 03, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3; 1 Peter 2:19-25; Complementary: Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:15-20; 1 Peter 2:19-25

### Wednesday, September 04, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 8:5-7; Mark 7:9-23; Complementary: Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:21-40; Mark 7:9-23

### Thursday, September 05, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 125; Proverbs 1:1-19; Romans 2:1-11; Complementary: Psalm 146; Isaiah 30:27-33; Romans 2:1-11

### Friday, September 06, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 125; Proverbs 4:10-27; Romans 2:12-16; Complementary: Psalm 146; Isaiah 32:1-8; Romans 2:12-16

### Saturday, September 07, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 125; Proverbs 8:1-31; Matthew 15:21-31; Complementary: Psalm 146; Isaiah 33:1-9; Matthew 15:21-31

## Announcements



### 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!

### Beacon Newsletter Announcement

During September, stories and content for Blaine Memorial UMC's newsletter, the "Beacon" will be uploaded to our website [blaineonline.org](http://blaineonline.org). It is a busy time for Rev. Karen as she continues to search for support staff to lead our youth and perform other tasks to continue maintaining Blaine Memorial's vibrant ministry. We are also working to improve our printing services and our ministry online - which also need time to develop.

Stay connected through announcements in our Sunday Worship Bulletin and at [blaineonline.org](http://blaineonline.org). You can also follow Blaine Memorial UMC on Facebook, [www.fb.com/blainememorialchurch](http://www.fb.com/blainememorialchurch).

### 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!



## 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](mailto: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.



## 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  
Choir Director  
Church School Superintendent  
BYG Associate Directors

Pianist  
Office Assistant  
Bookkeeper

Rev. Karen Yokota Love  
Eugene Onishi  
Sai Hanaoka  
Kai Yamamoto  
Kaylee Yokoyama  
Kathy Onishi  
Yuki Sofronas  
Mimi Mar

### Lay Leadership Team

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Arlene Naganawa  
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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)

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