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Order of Worship

Prelude

Arioso

J.S. Bach (arr. Lorenz) Campanella Bell Choir

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Call to Worship

By Dr. Lisa Hancock Christine Yorozu

***Opening Song**

As the Deer

(TFWS #2025)

Eugene Onishi and Miriam Tong

Opening Prayer

Christine Yorozu

First Scripture Reading

ヤコブの手紙/James 3:1-12 (CEB) Tsutomu Nagoya, Christine Yorozu

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Special Music

Lacrymosa

By Mozart Campanella Bell Choir

Second Scripture Reading

マルコの福音書/Mark 8:27-38 (CEB) Tsutomu Nagoya, Christine Yorozu

Sermon

Who Do You Say I Am?

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Meditation

Cry of My Heart

(TFWS #2165)

Eugene Onishi and Kathy Onishi

Invitation to the Offering

Christine Yorozu

Offertory Music

Pastoral on Forest Green

Dale Wood

Campanella Bell Choir

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Ron Ebbers

Christine Yorozu

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Closing Hymn

More Like You

Eugene Onishi and Kathy Onishi (TFWS #2167)

*Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

Joyful Praise

Hal Hapson

Campanella Bell Choir

Thank you Miriam Tong for providing today's flower arrangement.



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Sermon Questions

- Read Mark 8:27-38. How would your closest friends share words that best describe you?
- · What labels were people using to describe Jesus in His day? Why? What words do people today use today? What shapes their opinions?
- Why is the question, "Who do you say I am?" (v.29) important? Who is Jesus and how has your answer changed over time?
- · What reasons does Jesus give for why people should follow him down this hard road?
- How has your relationship with Jesus affected your lifestyle? Relationships? Priorities? Politics?

Daily Lectionary

Sunday, September 15, 2024:

Proverbs 1:20-33: Isaiah 50:4-9a: Psalm 19: Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38; Psalm 116:1-9

Monday, September 16, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 22:1-21; Romans 3:9-20; Complementary: Psalm 119:169-176; 1 Kings 13:1-10; Romans 3:9-20

Tuesday, September 17, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 25:1-28; Colossians 3:1-11; Complementary: Psalm 119:169-176; 1 Kings 13:11-25; Colossians 3:1-11

Wednesday, September 18, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 29:1-27; John 7:25-36; Complementary: Psalm 119:169-176; Isaiah 10:12-20; John 7:25-36

Thursday, September 19, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Complementary: Psalm 54; Judges 6:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Friday, September 20, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:18-33; Romans 11:25-32; Complementary: Psalm 54; 1 Kings 22:24-40;

Romans 11:25-32

Saturday, September 21, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 1; Ecclesiastes 1:1-18; Matthew 23:29-39; Complementary: Psalm 54; 2 Kings 17:5-18; Matthew 23:29-39

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. Contact the Church office for the link!



Camping Ministries Sunday · September 22

Our youth are sharing their faith testimonies from Jr. High Camp and Asian Camp. Congregation members will learn more about the National Japanese American United Methodist Church (NJAUMC) Camping Ministries programs which include our summer camps, Jr. High Camp and Asian Camp and what the future holds for our camping ministries. We'll sing new and old camp songs together and our BYG youth will lead this worship service.



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

- 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.
- 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 Blaine Memorial UMC on October 19, 2024 at 11:00AM with a reception to follow.
- 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.
- 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 Celebration of Life and reception was held on Saturday, September 7 at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. 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

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

Celebrations

- Today we celebrate Ron Ebbers, Director of the Hand Bell Choir and the Campanella Bell Choir from Mercer Island Presbyterian Church. We are filled with gratitude for this talented musical group. Thank you for sharing your gifts and graces with the Blaine Memorial UMC congregation today.
- Congratulations to our Church School Superintendent, Church School Teachers, BYG Associate Director and Leaders as they start a new church school year teaching and nurturing our children and youth!
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating September birthdays and anniversaries!

For our United Methodist Church

 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 every person who tested positive for Covid.
 Prayers for each person to recover quickly.
- Prayers for people who have lost their homes in the California wildfires. Protect those who evacuate houses, and strengthen those who rebuild hope so that entire communities may face the future without fear.
- Prayers for the United States of America as we embark on a final 55-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.
- 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: "Go Forth in Faith" 11:45a-12:45p

The Archives Committee is sponsoring a four-part discussion series, "Reflections on 120 Years of Grace", after Sunday worship in the Webb Room. Today, we will discuss the early church from 1904 to 1941.

Materials will be presented from the archives as well as church members knowledgeable about each period will speak of their experiences. **Next week:** "Strong in Hope".

120 Years of Grace Competition • Due October 27Archives invite you to share your thoughts and reflections on the 120 years of Grace and the future of

Blaine Memorial UMC!

Now accepting: Written pieces, Illustrations, Plays, Prayers, Songs, Videos, Dances.

Submit your entries now to the Blaine Memorial UMC office at blaineoffice@yahoo.com, latest by October 27, 2024. Contact Shig Nishida for more info!

Mission Guatemala Sunday · September 29

Twenty-two church members/missionaries who ventured off to Panajachel, Guatemala during the month of August will share their faith testimonies from their week-long trip. Congregation members will learn more about how we can help and support Mission Guatemala and the people in Panajachel and why they are the beneficiary at this year's Bazaar.



Beacon Newsletter Announcement

During September, stories and content for Blaine Memorial UMC's newsletter, the "Beacon" will be uploaded to our website 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 at blaineonline. org for news, stories, and our latest calender of events!

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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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