

Worship

Worship with Blaine!

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3 Thoughts and Prayers 4 Charge Conference

October 27, 2024 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • blaineonline.org



What is True Faith?

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Kyrie

Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Call to Worship

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Opening Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Opening Prayer

Yuki Sofronas

Scripture Reading

マルコの福音書/Mark 10:46-52 (CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Yuki Sofronas

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Special Music

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Blaine Memorial Choir

Sermon

Blind Faith

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Meditation

Open My Eyes That I May See

(UMH 454)

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Prayers of the People

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Invitation to the Offering

Yuki Sofronas

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All

Blessings Flow

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

*Prayer of Dedication

Yuki Sofronas

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Closing Hymn

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

(UMH #349)

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

*Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

Taste and See

Kathy Onishi

*Today's altar flowers are provided by
Miriam Tong.*

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with announcements!*



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Sermon Questions

- Why is blindness and the restoration of sight a good illustration for spiritual realities? Where in the Bible is this used to speak of our spiritual state?
- Do you find the ‘art of stopping’ hard to do? How might you grow in this art?
- How would you respond to someone who argues that the reason a person isn’t healed is because they don’t have enough faith? What is true faith?
- What can we learn from Bartimaeus about the nature of genuine discipleship?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, October 27, 2024:

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) • Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126 • Hebrews 7:23-28 • Mark 10:46-52

Monday, October 28, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 28
Isaiah 59:9-19 • 1 Peter 2:1-10
Complementary: Psalm 119:17-24
Exodus 4:1-17 • 1 Peter 2:1-10

Tuesday, October 29, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 28
Ezekiel 18:1-32 • Acts 9:32-35
Complementary: Psalm 119:17-24
2 Kings 6:8-23 • Acts 9:32-35

Wednesday, October 30, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 28
Ezekiel 14:12-23 • Matthew 20:29-34 • Complementary: Psalm 119:17-24 • Jeremiah 33:1-11
Matthew 20:29-34

Thursday, October 31, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 146 • Ruth 1:18-22 • Hebrews 9:1-12
Complementary: Psalm 119:1-8
Exodus 22:1-15 • Hebrews 9:1-12 •

Friday, November 01, 2024:

All Saints Day

Semi-continuous: Psalm 146 • Ruth 2:1-9 • Romans 3:21-31
Complementary: Psalm 119:1-8 • Leviticus 19:32-37 • Romans 3:21-31

Saturday, November 02, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 146 • Ruth 2:10-14 • Luke 10:25-37 •
Complementary: Psalm 119:1-8 • Numbers 9:9-14 • Luke 10:25-37

Announcements

Trunk or Treat!

Today after Worship Service

Trunk or Treat is a wonderful opportunity for our church to provide a safe trick-or-treat experience for families.

Costumes are encouraged! We love to see everyone dressed up, even the adults!

Once again, please be sensitive in regards to costumes that are too scary or gory. We also ask that your costume not have a mask that covers your entire face of that your face is painted in a way that makes you unrecognizable. For safety reasons, all adults should be able to recognize the faces of the other adults.

Contact Jennifer Lew if you have questions.

120 Years of Grace Competition

Submissions Due Today

Archives 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 blainoffice@yahoo.com, latest by October 27, 2024. Contact Shig Nishida for more info!

“Context: Putting Scripture in Its Place”

Tuesday, October 29, 6:30p-8:00p

Join Rev. Dr. John Miyahara (UMC Navy Chaplain), Rev. Brian Lee (Simpson UMC in Arvada, CO), and congregation members of the Japanese American United Methodist Caucus in a 6-week book study. We will be reading “Context: Putting Scripture in its Place” (reading not required!).

Books are available for \$17.00. Please contact Rev. Karen will any questions and the Church office for the Zoom link.

Prayer and Coffee

Wednesdays at 9am

Join Rev. Karen Yokota Love 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!

All Saints Worship Service • Next Sunday, November 3

All Saints’ Day is a Christian Memorial Day celebrating the honor of all church saints, whether known or unknown. You’re invited to bring pictures of your loved ones (relatives, friends, animal companions) to honor and celebrate their memory and your time with them. You are welcome to bring photos, artwork, trinkets, tokens, prose, and poetry to place on the altar in remembrance of your dearly departed. Please bring items that you feel comfortable leaving on the altar as we will remember our departed ones at our All Saints’ Worship Service.

We will be reading names of our church members who have passed away from November 1, 2023-November 1, 2024.





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

- **Sumiko “Sumi” Kono Yoshioka**, 89, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 15, 2024. A lifelong Blaine Memorial church member, she faithfully served as the choir and handbell choir directors, organist and pianist. She was known for her kindness, grace, and was an island girl at heart. Sumi is predeceased by her husband Art; survived by her children: Tom (Roberta) Yoshioka, Ann Yoshioka, Steve (Beverly) Yoshioka, and Lynn (Stephen Cavit) Yoshioka. Sumi is also survived by her grandchildren Misa Yoshioka, Alex Yoshioka, Emily Yoshioka, Caleb Yoshioka, and Maddie Cavit; sister Midori Thiel, sisters-in-law Barbara Kono and Helen Kono, and many nephews and nieces. *A public Celebration of Life will be held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 1:00PM with a reception to follow in the LAC.*
- **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 public Celebration of Tom Kometani’s Life was held on October 19, 2024 at Blaine Memorial UMC.
- **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.

Those in cancer treatment or remission

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

Those with health concerns, recovery

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

Celebrations

- Thank you to our pastors as we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you for your steadfast love for the ministry and for your leadership.
- Congratulations to the National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus (NJAUMC) Asian American Summer Camp! On Saturday, October 12, 2024, 259 Asian Campers from our NJAUMC Churches gathered in Montebello, CA to celebrate the Asian Camp 50th Anniversary.
- Thank you to everyone who helped out at this year’s Benefit Bazaar! This year’s Bazaar was such a huge success and we give thanks to God and to each person who showed up to serve, clean, cook, organize, and the list goes on and on! We couldn’t have done any of this without the help and teamwork of the entire community! Thank you!
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating October birthdays and anniversaries!

For our United Methodist Church

- We continue to pray for our NJAUMC clergy as they just returned to their local churches after meeting for their annual clergy gathering. Over the course of three days, they gathered, had faithful and holy conversations, and discussed church business in our historical Japanese American churches.
- We continue to pray for the United Methodist Church as it journeys 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 the family who perished in the Fall City shooting and for the 10 year-old girl who escaped in the massacre. We pray for Fall City as they recover from this tragedy and search for answers for a healing process.
- Prayers for people who have lost their homes and are displaced by Hurricane Milton in Florida and Hurricane Helene in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas. Guide and strengthen those seeking a safe place to live. Provide hope and aid so that these communities may face the future without fear. May you surround them with love.
- Prayers for the United States of America as we inch closer to the 2024 presidential election race between former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris. Please register to vote!
- 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.
- Prayers for the Ukrainian people, for protection and peace between Ukraine and Russia.



Sign-Up Now:

Thanksgiving Meals and Giving Tree 2024!

- **Apple Crisp Work Party**, Sunday, November 10, 2024, after fellowship, Lee Activity Center
- **Mashed Potatoes Work Party**, Sunday, November 24, 2024, after fellowship, Lee Activity Center
- **Kimball Elementary Food Delivery**, Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 10:00AM
- **Giving Tree**, Sunday, November 17 - Sunday, December 1, 2024
- **Giving Tree, Wrapped Gifts Due**, Sunday, December 8, 2024

Charge Conference Meeting

November 14 at 6:30p for SPRC, 7:00p for Leadership
 This year's Charge Conference will be on Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 PM for Leadership only (SPRC, Ad Board, Trustees, Finance Teams). SPRC will meet with DS Rev. Derek at 6:30 PM. This leadership gathering holds significance for our faith community as we come together to celebrate our ministries in 2024 and cast our vision for 2025. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Derek Nakano will preside over the meeting. Please submit your area and ministry reports by Friday, November 1, 2024. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Karen.

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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

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| <i>Senior Pastor</i> | <i>Rev. Karen Yokota Love</i> |
| <i>Choir Director</i> | <i>Eugene Onishi</i> |
| <i>Church School Superintendent</i> | <i>Sai Hanaoka</i> |
| <i>BYG Associate Director</i> | <i>Kaylee Yokoyama</i> |
| <i>Pianist</i> | <i>Kathy Onishi</i> |
| <i>Office Assistant</i> | <i>Yuki Sofronas</i> |
| <i>Bookkeeper</i> | <i>Mimi Mar</i> |

Lay Leadership Team

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| <i>Administrative Board</i> | <i>Brad Miyake</i> |
| <i>Staff Parish Relations</i> | <i>Arlene Naganawa</i> |
| <i>Board of Trustees</i> | <i>Ron Nobuyama, Brian Okura</i> |
| <i>Finance Committee</i> | <i>Bob Sekijima, Gayle Miyake</i> |
| <i>Lay Leaders</i> | <i>Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi</i> |
| <i>Annual Conference Delegates</i> | <i>Ron Nobuyama</i> |
| | <i>George Yates</i> |



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 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. 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.

