

# Worship

Worship with Blaine!

2 Coming soon: Charge Conference

3 Thoughts & Prayers 4 Thanksgiving Meals, Giving Tree

November 3, 2024 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • [blaineonline.org](http://blaineonline.org)

**Which saint has had the greatest influence  
in your life and in your faith?**

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

### Prelude

#### The Family Prayer Song

By M. Chapman

Kathy Onishi

### Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### \*Opening Hymn

#### For All The Saints

(UMH #711, V. 1, 2, 4, 6)

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

### Opening Prayer

Joel Ing

### First Scripture Reading

マルコの福音書 / Mark 12: 28-34

(CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Joel Ing

### Children's Message

Sylvia Wong

### Special Music

#### O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

By C. Wesley, M. Miller

Blaine Memorial Choir

### Prayers of the People

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Second Scripture Reading

ヨハネの黙示録 / Revelation 21: 1-7

(CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Joel Ing

### Sermon

#### New Heaven, New Earth

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Hymn of Response

#### Let Us Be Bread

(TFWS #2260)

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

### Holy Communion with

#### The Reading of Our Saints

Rev. Karen Yokota Love, Eugene

Onishi and Joel Ing

### Introduction to the Offering

Joel Ing

### Doxology

#### Praise God, from Whom All

#### Blessings Flow

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

### Prayer of Dedication

Joel Ing

### Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Closing Song

#### Gift of Love

(UMH #408)

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

### Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Postlude

#### More Like You

By S.W. Brown

Kathy Onishi

### Zoom Breakout Room

Dale Kaneko

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

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## Sermon Questions

1. What saint in your life has had the greatest influence on your faith?
2. By virtue of our baptism, we are all called toward being saints. Do you think of yourself as called to be a saint? Why or why not? What difference would it make if you thought of yourself as a saint?
3. What does it mean to be surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses?

## Daily Lectionary Readings

### Sunday, November 03, 2024

Ruth 1 • 1-18 and Psalm 146  
Deuteronomy 6 • 1-9 and Psalm 119  
• 1-8 Hebrews 9 • 11-14 Mark 12 •  
28-34

### Monday, November 04, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 18 • 20-  
30; Ruth 2 • 15-23; Romans 12 •  
17-21; 13 • 8-10; Complementary:  
Psalm 51; Deuteronomy 6 • 10-25;  
Romans 12 • 17-21; 13 • 8-10;

### Tuesday, November 05, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 18 • 20-30;  
Ruth 3 • 1-7; Acts 7 • 17-29;  
Complementary: Psalm 51;  
Deuteronomy 28 • 58-29 • 1; Acts 7  
• 17-29;

### Wednesday, November 06, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 18 • 20-30;  
Ruth 3 • 8-18; John 13 • 31-35;  
Complementary: Psalm 51; Micah 6  
• 1-8; John 13 • 31-35;

### Thursday, November 07, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 127; Ruth  
4 • 1-10; Romans 5 • 6-11;  
Complementary: Psalm 146;  
Numbers 36 • 1-13; Romans 5 •  
6-11;

### Friday, November 08, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 127; Ruth  
4 • 11-17; Hebrews 9 • 15-24;  
Complementary: Psalm 146;  
Deuteronomy 15 • 1-11; Hebrews 9  
• 15-24;

### Saturday, November 09, 2024

Semi-continuous: Psalm 127; Ruth  
4 • 18-22; Mark 11 • 12-14, 20-24;  
Complementary: Psalm 146;  
Deuteronomy 24 • 17-22; Mark 11 •  
12-14, 20-24;

## Announcements

### All Saints Worship Service • Today

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.

### “Context • Putting Scripture in Its Place”

#### Tuesday, November 5, 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!



### Charge Conference Meeting

#### Thursday, 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.



## 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

- **Kenji Onishi**, 97, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. He lived life fully, grounded in faith, with practical optimism and a genuine love and respect for others. Predeceased by his loving wife, Martha, Kenji is survived by his four kids (Rob/Chris, Eugene/Kathy, Phil, and Leann), eight grandkids, one great-grandson, and numerous nieces and nephews. Remembrances may be made to Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church or FIUTS (Foundation for International Understanding Through Students). The date for Kenji and Martha's Celebration of Life will be announced later.
- **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.

### 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

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

### For our United Methodist Church

- We continue to pray for the United Methodist Church as we 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 the United States of America as we prepare for the 2024 presidential election race between former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris. We seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, our state, our country and the world. May you lead us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as siblings in Christ, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. Please register to vote!
- Prayers for the people in Spain, as they faced its deadliest flood disaster in decades, resulting in the deaths of over 200 people with dozens more missing. The death toll is expected to rise as emergency workers fight to rescue those who are trapped and recover bodies. Prayers for the rescue workers who search for more people as the roads have collapsed in some areas, with emergency services unable to get access.
- Prayers for Sudan as it continues to face massacres and extreme gender-based violence affecting over 400 women between the ages of 8-75. In the face of these atrocities, we pray for the many women who have been violated and are so humiliated and traumatized that they have considered ending their own lives.
- Prayers for the family who perished in the Fall City shooting and for the 11 year-old girl who escaped from her 15 year-old brother who shot and killed his family. We pray for the small town of Fall City as they recover from this horrific tragedy and search for answers. May you guide them through 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 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

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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.

**The Greening of Blaine • Saturday, November 30, 9am**

The Greening of Blaine is one of the biggest half-day (with lunch provided) annual work parties of Blaine Memorial UMC. Join the Worship Committee in making wreaths, swags, and garlands for decorating the church’s campus through Advent and Christmas. Come learn how to craft the greenery and to grace the Sanctuary. Bring clippers or scissors to trim cedar fronds and ribbons.

We will also have a large paper art project where we will hang in the Sanctuary, calling for the shared work of many hands. Welcome, All! Let the Holidays begin!

**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>             |
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| <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)

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