

Worship

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November 24, 2024 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • blaineonline.org



How can we continue to hope and trust in God's promises?

Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

We Gather Together

Arr. by Edward Kremser
Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 137, a Psalm of exile)
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Opening Hymn

I Will Call Upon the Lord

(TFWS #2002)
Kathy Onishi, Eugene Onishi

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

First Scripture Reading

ヨハネの福音書 / John 18:33-37
(JLB, CEB)
Tsutomu Nagoya, Sharon Maeda

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Special Music

All Good Gifts

Natalie Sleeth
Blaine Memorial Choir

Stewardship Sharing

Sharon Maeda

Second Scripture Reading

エレミヤ書 / Jeremiah 29:10-14
(JLB, CEB)
Tsutomu Nagoya, Sharon Maeda

Sermon

Home Sweet Home

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Reflection

How Firm a Foundation
(UMH #529)
Kathy Onishi, Eugene Onishi

Prayers of the People

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Invitation to the Offering

Sharon Maeda

*Doxology

Praise God,
from Whom All Blessings Flow
(UMH #94)
Kathy Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

Sharon Maeda

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Closing Hymn

Let All Things Now Living
(TFWS #2008)
Kathy Onishi, Eugene Onishi

*Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

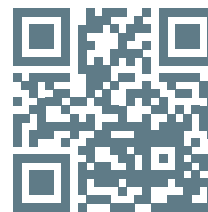
He is Exalted

By Twila Paris
Kathy Onishi

Zoom Breakout Room

Dale Kaneko

Today's flowers are provided by
Sharon Maeda.



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Sermon Questions

- How does God's plan for God's people in exile relate to God's plan for you in your current circumstances?
- How might the theme of exile and captivity apply to spiritual struggles in your life?
- How can we continue to hope and trust in God's promises when we don't see immediate results?
- In what ways does the promise of God in Jeremiah 29:14 inspire you to seek God wholeheartedly?
- What actions can you take to seek the welfare of your community, following the example set in Jeremiah 29?
- How can we apply the lessons from the exiles' experience to our lives in the face of trials or hardship?



Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, November 24, 2024: Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34)

2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18) • Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93) • Revelation 1:4b-8) • John 18:33-37

Monday, November 25, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 63; 2 Kings 23:15-25; Revelation 11:1-14; Complementary: Psalm 76; Daniel 7:19-27; Revelation 11:1-14;

Tuesday, November 26, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 63; 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5; Revelation 11:15-19; Complementary: Psalm 76; Ezekiel 29:1-12; Revelation 11:15-19;

Wednesday, November 27, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 63; 2 Samuel 2:1-7; John 16:25-33; Complementary: Psalm 76; Ezekiel 30:20-26; John 16:25-33;

Thursday, November 28, 2024: Thanksgiving Day

Joel 2:21-27 and Psalm 126) • 1 Timothy 2:1-7) • Matthew 6:25-33

Announcements

Thanksgiving Meals and Giving Tree • See Dates

Mashed Potatoes Work Party

Today after fellowship, Lee Activity Center

Kimball Elementary Food Delivery

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, 10:00AM

Giving Tree

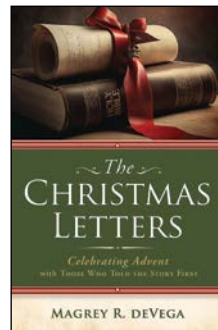
Sunday, Nov. 17 - Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024

Giving Tree, Wrapped Gifts Due
Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024



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!



NJAUMC Caucus Advent Study Group

Tuesdays, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 at 6:30pm-8:00pm

Members of the NJAUMC Caucus have put together an Advent study based on The Christmas Letters. All NJAUMC churches are invited to attend the study. The facilitators are US Navy Chaplain Rev. John M. Miyahara and Pastor Brian Lee from Simpson UMC in Denver, Colorado, Rev. Ki Choi from Centenary UMC and Rev. Karen Yokota Love from Blaine Memorial UMC. You don't need to read the book to join the group.



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!



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). Kenji and Martha Onishi's public Celebration of Life service will be held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 1:00PM with a reception to follow in the LAC.
- **Toshiko "Toshi" Okamoto**, 101, a beloved church member, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at Nikkei Manor. She is survived by her sister Kachi; her four children Joyce, Susan, John and Sheila; her nine grandchildren; and her nine+ great-grandchildren. A private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Remembrances may be made to Keiro NW, Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church or NVC Foundation.
- **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.
- **Sumi Minato**, 103 and seven months-old, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 12, 2024 at Sunrise of Bellevue. She lived a long, fulfilling and active life. Well into her 100's, Sumi's days were filled with activities, friendships and a smile on her face. Predeceased by her husband Howard, Sumi is survived by her children: Michael Minato (Cheryl), Jeanne Yorozu (Kenny), John Minato (Teresa), seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A family Celebration of Life was held in June.

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

Celebrations

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

For our United Methodist Church

- We continue to pray for The United Methodist Church's 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 people as they recover from the cyclone bomb storm in the Pacific Northwest. We pray that people receive power and phone connectivity soon. We are grateful for Puget Sound Energy for working around the clock to restore power. Open our hearts in generosity to all who need help in the coming days.
- Prayers after the presidential election for inspiration of the minds for all people who have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the US. Give them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth.
- Prayers for the 420,000 children in the Amazon Basin countries of Columbia, Peru, and Brazil who are affected by water scarcity and a drought made worse by global climate change. We pray for our world's children, that their future and health be protected.
- 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 act 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 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.

Advent & Christmas Announcements

Children and Youth Christmas Play

Sunday, Dec. 15, at 10am
All are invited to come to the Lee Activity Center to witness our children and youth perform in a special Christmas Play.

Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 7pm
Our Blue Christmas Service provides space for prayer, reflection, and remembrance for those grieving during this holiday season (Livestreamed)

Christmas Music Sunday

Sunday, Dec. 22, at 10:00am
Christmas Music Sunday will feature jams from our Blaine Memorial Choir, B.U.G.S., young adults, and more.



Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4pm
We will have one Traditional Christmas Eve Lesson and Carols Candlelight Service.



2024 Congregation Photograph

On December 15, 2024, we will be taking a 120th anniversary commemorative photo of our whole congregation in the Lee Activity Center after the children's Christmas program. Please stay for this photograph which will be a snapshot of our present 2024 congregation in our 120th year as a church family. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this Blaine Memorial UMC 120th Anniversary photo!



120th Anniversary Sunday Service and Potluck

On January 26, 2025, Blaine Memorial UMC will have a 120th anniversary Sunday service with special guests to celebrate and reflect on its 120-year history and look forward to its further growth and development into the next 120 years of service in love. There will be a potluck gathering and program following the service. There will also be ministry table exhibits of past and present ministries of the church such as music ministry, Sunday School ministry, Youth ministry, missions ministry, sports ministry, etc. Please join us for the culminating celebration of our 120th anniversary and start of our 121st year! We look forward to celebrating with all our members new and old and our many community friends. All are welcome.



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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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Rev. Karen Yokota Love
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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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