

Worship



Worship with Blaine!

2 Today: Ozoni Soup Meal

3 Thoughts & Prayers 4 Jan. 26: Anniversary Sunday

January 5, 2025 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • blaineonline.org

How have you overcome difficulties with faith in the past? How might you better live as a Christian this coming year?

Second Sunday After Christmas Day

Prelude

Selective Christmas Music

Arranged by Leann Onishi

Leann Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Ron Nobuyama

Call to Worship

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Ron Nobuyama

Opening Prayer

Ron Nobuyama

Scripture Reading

エレミヤ書 / **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

(JLB, CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Ron Nobuyama

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Scripture Reading

マタイの福音書 / **Matthew 2:1-12**

(JLB, CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Ron Nobuyama

Reflection Questions

Discussion with Neighbor

Ron Nobuyama

Prayers of the People

Holden Evening Prayer Service

God of Mercy, Hold Us in Love

Leann Onishi Mako Willett

Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park Hearn

Holy Communion Music

Traditional Okinawan Music

Mako Willett

Introduction to the Offering

Ron Nobuyama

Offertory Music

Amazing Grace (v 1,2,4,6)

Leann Onishi and Mako Willett

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All

Blessings Flow

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Kathy Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

Ron Nobuyama

Announcements

Ron Nobuyama

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

*Postlude

Go Now in Peace

Leann Onishi and Mako Willett

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Today's Flowers

Carol Kastrup



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Sermon Questions

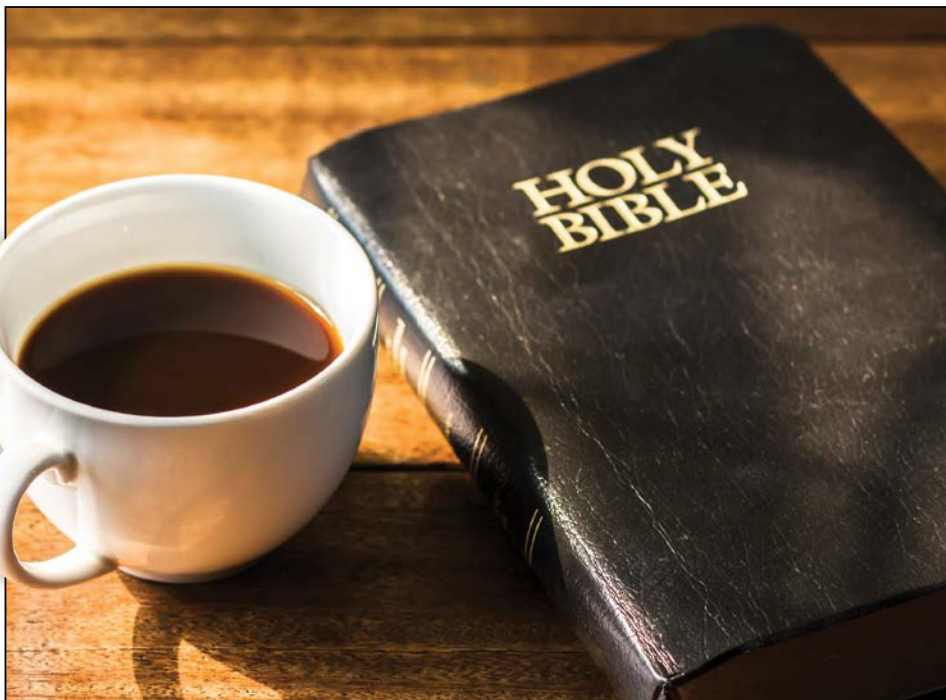
- Reflect on an experience from your past when faith in God was hard for you, one where you were able to overcome and push through.
- What are the barriers to faith and following Jesus that you must contend with in your life right now? (doubt, negative church experiences, etc.) What are some of the current faith struggles that you are dealing with?
- How is the Christian life exemplified in the magi? (Seeking Jesus, worshipping Jesus, offering our gifts to Jesus.)
- How might you better live as a Christian this coming year? How can this group help?

Announcements



New Year's Ozoni Soup Meal • Today after Worship

Ozoni mochi soup will be celebrated and served after church worship on January 5. The Blaine Memorial Choir will host us in the customary making and serving of the New Year's rice-cake ozoni. The Choir is happy to serve you best wishes for the new year of 2025 in every bowl of ozoni!



Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, January 5, 2025: Second Sunday after Christmas Day

- Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12
- Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Monday, January 6, 2025: Epiphany of the Lord

- Isaiah 60:1-6
- Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
- Ephesians 3:1-12
- Matthew 2:1-12

Tuesday, January 7, 2025:

- Psalm 72
- Daniel 2:1-19
- Ephesians 4:17-5:1

Wednesday, January 8, 2025:

- Psalm 72
- Daniel 2:24-49
- Ephesians 5:15-20

Thursday, January 9, 2025:

- Psalm 29
- Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Friday, January 10, 2025:

- Psalm 29
- Ecclesiastes 2:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-10

Saturday, January 11, 2025:

- Psalm 29
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
- 1 Corinthians 2:11-16

Prayer and Coffee

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Join Rev. Karen for prayer and community on Wednesday (1/8/25) at 9:00AM 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.



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.*
- **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 was held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, December 14, 2024.
- **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. Remembrances may be made to Keiro NW, Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church or NVC Foundation.

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

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

Celebrations

- We wish everyone hope and love in the New Year! We ask for prayer good health in 2025!
- Our hearts take hope from the winners of this year’s Nobel Peace Prize – Japan’s Hibakusha Group, whose members are survivors of atomic and hydrogen bombs. We pray that their suffering and service result in the elimination of nuclear war.
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating January 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

- We pray for the families and loved ones of 179 people who perished in the Jeju Air flight 7C 2216 (South Korea), 38 people who died in a plane crash of an Azerbaijan Airlines plane in Kazakhstan, and 14 people killed in New Orleans, LA.
- We pray for the 71 people who have died in Ethiopia after a truck packed with passengers plunged into a river after the driver missed the bridge.
- We pray for a prison riot in Mozambique that left 33 people dead and 15 injured, and more than 1,500 inmates escaped during the incident.
- 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.
- Our lips cry out in protest with those who escaped the firebombing of a synagogue in Melbourne, Australia. We pray for the end of violence against people for their religious beliefs.
- Prayers for the Ukrainian people, for protection and peace between Ukraine and Russia.

120th/121st Anniversary Sunday Service and Potluck January 26, 2025

On Sunday, 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.

We'll honor our church members and friends who have or will have reached by the end of January, the glorious age of 88 and older by reading their names aloud during worship. In addition, we will remember our saints who have passed away in the last year who were 88 and older by the reading of their names.

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, mission 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. We will also have a lunch celebration honoring our 88+ and our 120 years! Stay tuned for more information to come.



Video: "A Season of Stewardship: Blaine Memorial UMC Supports Kimball Elementary"

With challenges such as food insecurity, a harsh economy, and homelessness, Blaine Memorial UMC has teamed with Kimball Elementary School to provide dinners through Thanksgiving Meals and presents through the Giving Tree.

Several members of the Blaine Memorial UMC Community, including its Blaine Youth Group (BYG), share what makes this lay-led ministry vital to the families in the neighborhood.

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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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Rev. Karen Yokota Love

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Ways to Give "Every person must bring a gift in proportion to God's blessings upon you." (Deut. 16: 17)

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