



# Worship



## Worship with Blaine!

2 Day of Remembrance and Resistance at NWDC!

3 Thoughts & Prayers 4 Save the Date: March 1 - Sukiyaki!

February 2, 2025 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • [blaineonline.org](http://blaineonline.org)

What areas of your life need to grow in love? How does understanding God as love impact your daily actions?

### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

#### Prelude

##### Gather Us In

By Marty Haugen

Kathy Onishi

#### Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### Blaine Memorial UMC Land Acknowledgment

#### Call to Worship

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock,

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Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### Opening Hymn

##### Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

(UMH #632)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

#### Opening Prayer

Kobe Yamamoto

#### Scripture Reading

エレミヤ書 / Jeremiah 1:4-10

(JLB, CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Kobe Yamamoto

#### Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

#### Special Music

##### One Song

By Pepper Chopin

Blaine Memorial UMC Choir

#### Second Scripture Reading

コリント人への手紙 I / 1 Corinthians

13:1-13 (JLB, NRSVUE)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Kobe Yamamoto

#### Third Scripture Reading

ルカの福音書 / Luke 4:21-30

(JLB, NRSVUE)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Kobe Yamamoto

#### Sermon

##### Love Never Ends

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### Song of Reflection

##### Where Charity and Love Prevail

(UMH #549)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

#### Holy Communion

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

#### Introduction to the Offering

Kobe Yamamoto

#### Offertory Music

Kathy Onishi

#### Doxology

##### Praise God, from Whom All

##### Blessings Flow

(UMH #94)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

#### Prayer of Dedication

Kobe Yamamoto

#### Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### Closing Hymn

##### Compassion Hymn

By Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart

Townend

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

#### Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### Postlude

##### Make Me a Servant

By Kelly Willard

Kathy Onishi

#### Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

#### Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

#### Today's Flowers

Carol Kastrup



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## Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church



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## Announcements



### Prayer and Coffee • Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Join Rev. Karen for prayer and community on Wednesday (2/5/25) at 9:00AM on Zoom. This is a great way to start your morning, clear and center your mind, all while connecting with God and your prayer community. Hope to see you on Wednesday.

### NJAUMC Book Study During Epiphanytide

A new book study sponsored by the National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus continues Tuesday (2/11). Rev. Brian Lee (Simpson UMC in Arvada, CO) and Rev. John Miyahara (UMC Navy Chaplain in San Diego, CA) will facilitate “Secret Harvests: A Hidden Story of Separation and the Resilience of a Family Farm” by David Mas Masumoto. We will gather virtually on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. (PST). Below is our reading schedule:



**Tuesday (2/11)**  
Parts 5 and 6

**Tuesday (2/25)**  
Parts 7 and 8

The Zoom link to join the study is <https://bit.ly/JAUMCBookStudy>.

Books are on sale in the Church Office for \$15.00 or you are free to purchase online at Amazon.com.

**LA RESISTENCIA**

**TSURU for SOLIDARITY**

# STOP REPEATING HISTORY

Day of Remembrance and Resistance

RALLY AT NWDC

**DATE** February 23, 2025

**TIME** 1 PM - 2 PM

**PLACE** Northwest Detention Center  
1623 E J St. Tacoma, WA 98421



### Tsuru for Solidarity Press Conference • February 19, 2025

Did you know that before February 19, 1941, at least two-thirds of the produce vendors at Pike Place Market were Japanese American? With Executive Order 9066, all were gone by April. This February 19 at 10am, Tsuru will be holding a press conference at the Market to call attention to the fact that the Trump Administration is now threatening immigrants working at the Market today, with incarceration and deportation. We say “Stop Repeating History!”

At the press conference, Tsuru members will re-enact our 1941 forced removal by walking the Market in wearing period dress, and carrying old suitcases (just what they could carry). We will use our actions and words to stand up for immigrants and their families. We need your help.

Do you have clothing (men or women’s coats, suits, hats and especially suitcases we can borrow? We promise to take good care of these precious belongings as we protest. If you have any of these things, and/or would like to walk with us, please contact Margie Sekijima. Thank you Blaine Community for your ongoing support.

## Sermon Questions

- Which characteristics of love resonate most with you?
- How can you apply these qualities to your relationships?
- What areas of your life need to grow in love?
- How does understanding God as love impact your daily actions?

## Daily Lectionary Readings

### Sunday, February 2, 2025:

- Jeremiah 1:4-10
- Psalm 71:1-61
- Corinthians 13:1-13
- Luke 4:21-30
- Malachi 3:1-4
- Psalm 84
- Psalm 24:7-10
- Hebrews 2:14-18
- Luke 2:22-40

### Monday, February 3, 2025

- Psalm 56
- 1 Kings 17:8-16
- 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

### Tuesday, February 4, 2025

- Psalm 56
- 2 Kings 5:1-14
- 1 Corinthians 14:13-25

### Wednesday, February 5, 2025

- Psalm 56
- Jeremiah 1:11-19
- Luke 19:41-44

### Thursday, February 6, 2025

- Psalm 138
- Numbers 20:22-29
- Acts 9:19b-25

### Friday, February 7, 2025

- Psalm 138
- Numbers 27:12-23
- Acts 9:26-31

### Saturday, February 8, 2025

- Psalm 138
- Judges 3:7-11
- Luke 4:42-44



## 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

- **Calvin “Cal” Hoshibata**, 79, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 5, 2025. He is survived by his wife Lorraine, daughter Kristi (Steven) and three grandchildren (Madyson, Taylor and Bryce). *A public Celebration of Life will be held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 11:00AM with a reception to follow in the LAC.*
- **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 was held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 1:00PM with a reception that followed in the LAC.*

### Families in mourning of their furry companion

- The Rev. Cruz Santos Family mourning the loss of their dog, Rocky Santos on Tuesday, January, 14, 2025.

### Those in cancer treatment or remission

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

### 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 give thanks for a wonderful 120th/121st Anniversary Celebration at Blaine Memorial UMC last Sunday. We celebrate all of our previous ministers and celebrate with joy the livelihood of the vibrant ministries at Blaine. We are grateful for all of the volunteers who helped make this event an unforgettable celebration! Thank you!
- Congratulations to Lynne Onishi who recently was announced as a 2025 RMN Reconciling Fellow from the

Reconciling Ministries Network!

- Congratulations to all who are celebrating February 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 merciful. We pray for communities which currently feel unsafe due to U.S. President Donald Trump’s latest statements including the LGBTQIA+ communities, undocumented migrant workers, people of color and now, the disability community who have been blamed for this week’s fatal air crash in Washington, D.C. We give thanks for voices like Mariann Budde, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington DC, who speak truth to power even when it means threats to their profession and even to their lives.
- We pray for those who mourn. We pray for those who died in a tragic plane crash when an American Airlines flight collided with a Black Hawk military helicopter in Washington, D.C. Sixty-seven individuals have been presumed dead in what is being called the deadliest U.S. Air Disaster in more than 20 years.
- We pray for those who are poor in spirit. We give thanks for those who are giving their lives in service to others even when it is an inconvenience or danger to their own lives. Thank you for the firefighters who are working hard in Southern California. Thank you for dogs who are being trained to sniff out bowel cancer in the United Kingdom after successfully sniffing out COVID and Parkinson’s, and for firefighters who were able to rescue a man and his dog from an icy lake in Boston, Massachusetts. During times when the news is often painful to hear, we need these good news stories to remind us of the wonderful things humanity is capable of.
- We pray for those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. We pray for situations of injustice around the world, including this week’s exposure of the shocking abuse and discrimination against migrant workers in Canada who were working under its Temporary Foreign Worker Program. For the deportation of many undocumented migrants in the United States, and for Israel’s delayed reciprocal hostage release in Palestine.
- Prayers for the Ukrainian people, for protection and peace between Ukraine and Russia.



**Annual Sukiyaki Benefit • Saturday, March 1**

Blaine Memorial’s Sukiyaki Benefit Fundraiser is on Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 1:00pm-6:00pm! Sukiyaki will be \$20.00 each serving. We will have cooked and uncooked Sukiyaki. We will provide take out and have limited dine in. Scan the QR code to get updates on this year’s event!

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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 Hanaaka</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>                 |
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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>                |



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