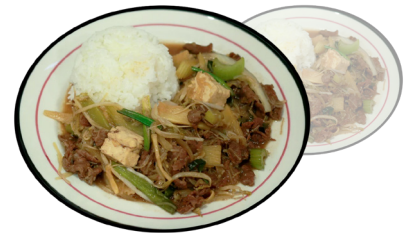




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How are we to reconcile our definitions of “blessings” and “curses”? How can suffering, sadness, and loneliness be helpful to our souls?

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Come, Holy Spirit

By Mark Foreman

Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Blaine Memorial UMC Land Acknowledgment

Call to Worship

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Ron Nobuyama

Opening Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

(UMH #529)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Opening Prayer

Ron Nobuyama

Scripture Reading

エレミヤ書 / Jeremiah 17: 5-10

(JLB, CEB)

Yuki Sofronas, Ron Nobuyama

Children’s Message

Sai Hanaoka

Special Music

10,000 Reasons

By Matt Redman

and Steve Angrisano

Blaine Memorial Praise Band

Prayers of the People

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Scripture Reading

ルカの福音書 / Luke 6:17-26

(JLB, CEB)

Yuki Sofronas, Ron Nobuyama

Sermon

Rejoice in that Day

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Song of Reflection

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

(UMH #402)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Introduction to the Offering

Ron Nobuyama

Offertory Music

Kathy Onishi

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom

All Blessings Flow

(UMH #94)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

Ron Nobuyama

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Closing Hymn

Come, We That Love the Lord

(UMH #733)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

The First Song of Isaiah

By Jack Noble White

Kathy Onishi

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

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Sermon Questions

- *Why do you think that Jesus refers to poverty, and hunger, and sadness, and rejection as blessings? Why do you think that he refers to wealth, and comfort, and affirmation as curses?*
- *How are we to reconcile this teaching with how we naturally define and think of blessings and curses?*
- *Why do you think that the human heart is so prone to believing that fulfillment and satisfaction can be found in worldly things? Why do you think that it is so prone to forgetting that God is the only one who can and will satisfy us?*
- *How can suffering, and sadness, and loneliness be helpful to our souls? What are some ways that we can leverage these things (instead of running from them)?*

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, February 16, 2025:

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

- Jeremiah 17:5-10
- Psalm 1
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
- Luke 6:17-26

Monday, February 17, 2025

- Psalm 120
- 2 Kings 24:18-25:21
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-34

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

- Psalm 120
- Ezra 1:1-11
- 2 Corinthians 1:12-19

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

- Psalm 120
- Jeremiah 22:11-17
- Luke 11:37-52

Thursday, February 20, 2025

- Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
- Genesis 43:16-34
- Romans 8:1-11
- Friday, February 21, 2025:
- Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
- Genesis 44:1-17
- 1 John 2:12-17

Saturday, February 22, 2025

- Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
- Genesis 44:18-34
- Luke 12:57-59

Announcements

Prayer and Coffee on Zoom (Canceled)

Rev. Karen is canceling the Wednesday Coffee and Prayer on Zoom on February 19, 2025 in order to encourage EVERYONE to attend and support the Day of Remembrance Tsuru for Solidarity Press Conference.

Day of Remembrance Film Screening @ Blaine Memorial UMC Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 6:30pm

Blaine Memorial UMC is co-sponsoring a film screening with the Seattle JACL and Puyallup Valley JACL on February 19, 2025 at 6:30PM. We will show *Removed by Force: The Eviction of Hawai'i's Japanese Americans During World II* at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary. Filmmaker Ryan Kawamoto and co-executive producer William Kaneko will have a panel discussion following the movie screening.

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Secret Harvest Book Study

Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 6:30pm

Join Rev. Brian Lee (Simpson UMC in Arvada, CO) and Rev. John Miyahara (UMC Navy Chaplain in San Diego, CA) on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 for the last session on *Secret Harvests: A Hidden Story of Separation and the Resilience of a Family Farm* by David Mas Masumoto. They will gather on Zoom on Tuesday (2/25) from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. (PST). The author, David Mas Masumoto will be in attendance, so bring your questions!

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

Day of Remembrance Events in our Local Community

“The Tengu Club”, Day of Remembrance Film Screening and Fundraiser • Today, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Join the Minidoka Pilgrimage Committee on today at 1:00PM for the 2025 Day of Remembrance event

in Pigott Auditorium on the Seattle University campus. We'll be screening “The Tengu Club” — the oldest fishing club in North America. Following will be a panel with the filmmaker, Club members, and a performance by Hidaka Taiko (Seattle University's student taiko group) and friends.

Paid parking is available on campus or there is free street parking. Register: bit.ly/dor_tenguclub.

Stop Repeating History: Day of Remembrance and Resistance in Chinatown/International District Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 10:00am

Gather at Hing Hay Park at 9:45 am, then walk in procession to Chiyo's Garden (604 S Jackson St)

Members of Tsuru for Solidarity and La Resistencia will be staging a press conference at Chiyo's Garden to remember the forced removal of Japanese Americans from their homes and businesses in 1942 and to emphasize the importance of protecting immigrants today. Speakers will include Japanese American descendants of Pike Place Market vendors and Erin Shigaki, whose mural in Nihonmachi Alley was recently defaced.

Stop Repeating History: Day of Remembrance and Resistance at Northwest I.C.E. Processing Center Sunday, February 23, 2025, 1:00pm

Tamiko Nimura, author of “We Hereby Refuse”, will speak about the parallels between the WWII Tule Lake incarceration camp and the Northwest I.C.E. Processing Center. Mary Abo, a survivor of the Puyallup and Minidoka incarceration camps, will speak about the importance of being the advocates that Japanese Americans did not have in 1942. Questions?

Please contact Yuki Sofronas at blaineoffice@yahoo.com if you'd like to carpool after worship by Friday, February 21, 2025, 3:00PM.

Contact Margaret Sekijima at mesejkjima@gmail.com and/or Barbara Yasui daruma52@gmail.com for more info.



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 was held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 11:00AM with a reception that followed 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
- 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 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 the disability community.
- We pray for the people who are held captive in detention centers, separated from family, often kept in deplorable conditions without access to attorneys — the condition of tens of thousands of men, women, and children across the world who are locked up because they are asylum seekers, undocumented migrants, refugees, trafficking victims, torture survivors, stateless persons, and others.
- We pray for the unnamed woman from Haiti who waited six months for an appointment just to start the asylum process into the U.S., only to have it canceled on the 20th of January. She is just one of many with canceled appointments since the new U.S. administration took office in January. The U.S. government has also disabled the app that asylum seekers were required to use to make those appointments, leaving over 30,000 people awaiting such appointments stranded at the Mexican border and in detention camps, unsafe in their homeland and now stuck and vulnerable to policies that create more suffering, violence and chaos.
- We pray for unaccompanied children at the U.S. and Mexico border who are at extreme risk and now unable to reunite with their family or sponsors, with only a limited number of legal and social service agencies trying to comfort and assist them.
- We pray for the spiraling war in nearby Sudan — where reports of massacres and widespread starvation have grabbed global attention — Egypt appears on the verge of adopting a new law that will threaten access to protection for those fleeing the conflict. The law will also allow for arbitrary detention based on migration status and without full consideration of each individual's asylum needs.
- We pray for Croatia's treatment of migrants and asylum seekers along its border with Bosnia and Herzegovina which revealed systematic destruction of migrants' belongings, including cell phones and identity papers.

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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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