



Worship

Worship with Blaine!

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March 2, 2025 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • blaineonline.org

What aspects of our lives need to be “transformed” to reflect Jesus’ image?

Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

By Twila Paris

Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Blaine Memorial UMC

Land Acknowledgment

Call to Worship

Arlene Naganawa

Opening Hymn

How Great Is Our God

(W&S #3003)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Opening Prayer

Arlene Naganawa

First Scripture Reading

ルカの福音書 / **Luke 9:28-36 (JLB, CEB)**

Tsutomu Nagoya, Arlene Naganawa

Children’s Message

Sai Hanaoka

Special Music

Call Him Jesus

By Ruth Elaine Schram

Blaine Memorial UMC Choir

Sermon

The Whole Place Shimmers

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Song of Reflection

Song of Reflection

O Jesus, I Have Promised

(UMH #396)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Holy Communion

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Tsutomu Nagoya

Introduction to the Offering

Arlene Naganawa

Offertory Music

Kathy Onishi

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All

Blessings Flow

(UMH #94)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

Arlene Naganawa

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Closing Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(UMH #384)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

He is Exalted

By Twila Paris

Kathy Onishi

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love



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Sermon Questions

- What does it mean to be “transfigured”?
- What aspects of our lives need to be “transformed” to reflect Jesus’ image?
- How does the Transfiguration event encourage us to deepen our faith and trust in Jesus?
- Have you ever experienced a moment of spiritual transformation or revelation that could be compared to the Transfiguration?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, March 2, 2025:

Transfiguration Sunday

- Exodus 34:29-35
- Psalm 99
- 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
- Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Monday, March 3, 2025:

- Psalm 35:11-28
- Exodus 35:1-29
- Acts 10:9-23a

Tuesday, March 4, 2025:

- Psalm 35:11-28
- Ezekiel 1:1; 2:1
- Acts 10:23b-33

Wednesday, March 5, 2025:

Ash Wednesday

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
- Psalm 51:1-17
- 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
- Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thursday, March 6, 2025:

- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
- Exodus 5:10-23
- Acts 7:30-34

Friday, March 7, 2025:

- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
- Exodus 6:1-13
- Acts 7:35-42

Saturday, March 8, 2025:

- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
- John 12:27-36

Announcements

Prayer and Coffee • Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Join Rev. Karen for prayer and community on Wednesday (3/5) at 9:00AM on Zoom. Our time together consists of brief check-ins, devotionals, and prayers. This is a great way to begin Lent, clear and center your mind, all while connecting with God and your prayer community. We will discuss the meaning of Lent and the significance of Ash Wednesday. Feel free to bring a cup of coffee, tea, and a bite to eat. Hope to see you on Wednesday.

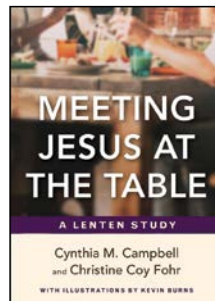


Ash Wednesday Service • Wednesday, March 5, 7pm

Next Wednesday, March 5, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at 12:00PM and at 7:00PM during an Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary. As we begin another Lenten journey, we are invited to reflect on Jesus’ temptations in the wilderness. Lent is a season of remembering our true selves through reflection, reconciliation, and reconnection on the journey toward the cross and the empty tomb.

Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study • See Dates and Times

This year’s all church Lenten Study book is Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study. The book is written by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. For Lent



this year, our theme will be Bread of Life: Meeting Jesus at the Table. The Gospels are full of stories of Jesus sharing meals with people. Whether multiplying bread to feed a whole crowd, relaxing with his inner circle, or telling curious elites stories about even greater banquets, Jesus imparts wisdom and forgiveness during meal times. This eight-session study provides biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding

our own time, such as whom should we invite to Sunday dinner and who is left out and left behind in our culture today. Each chapter includes questions for small group discussion or personal reflection.

Books are on sale in the Church Office for \$10.00 each.

Rev. Karen will teach the class on the following days:

- Thursday (3/6), 7:00PM
- Tuesday (3/11), 7:00PM
- Tuesday (3/18), 7:00PM
- Tuesday (4/1), 7:00PM
- Tuesday (4/8), 7:00PM
- Tuesday (4/15), 7:00PM

The classes will be held on Zoom and the link will be released the day before. Thank you in advance for your flexibility.



Blaine Girl Scout Troop #43880 Cookie Booth

- March 16, 2025 after Sunday service (Social Hall)

Please come out to get your favorite cookies and support our Girl Scout Troop this year as they raise money for their annual camping trip! Thank you for your support!



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

Celebrations

- Congratulations to all who are celebrating March 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 communities which currently feel unsafe due to President Donald Trump’s latest statements including the LGBTQIA+ communities, undocumented migrant workers, people of color and for the disability community. 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.
- Prayers for President Volodymyr Oleksandrovych Zelenskyy, a brave person who is willing to sacrifice his career and power to save the Ukrainian people. Today we ask God to restore truth, honor, decency, humanity, kindness and civility to the current political discourse in this great country.
- Prayers for the Ukrainian people, for protection and peace between Ukraine and Russia.
- Prayers for the thousands of programs supported by the United States government and for those who worked at jobs that evaporated at a moment’s notice, though many had worked years in these positions and had recently been awarded stellar evaluations.
- Prayers for those who work at the Associated Press who have been slighted beyond their every right to participate in freedom of the press because of a stylistic distinction about the Gulf of Mexico. Our hearts break when we think of the systems, and the people, that had finally known diversity, equality, and inclusion. From science to the protection of the environment, from airline safety to finance oversight, from education to healthcare, from agriculture to hundreds more systems, no part of a country’s communal life seems to escape this cruel and destructive hand of a government against itself and the reckless dismantling of parts of a functioning democracy.
- Prayers for those who worked at the US federal agency known as the US Aid for International Development. Programs around the globe were forced to shut down immediately, including those that controlled malaria in 24 African nations.
- Prayers for lasting peace for the people of Gaza and the people of Israel. We pray people who need food and for those who are harmed through the destruction of the hospitals, for the wounded children beneath the rubble of the lands of Palestine.
- Prayers for our unhoused siblings in our neighborhood, in the City of Seattle, in the state of Washington, and across the country. May we improve systems so that our unhoused can be housed.



Guatemala Mission Trip Informational Meeting March 16, 2025, 12:00pm

Are you interested in going on a mission trip this coming August 8 to August 16? Do you have a desire to serve others in an underdeveloped country? Blaine will again partner with Mission Guatemala and send a mission team to San Andrés Semetabaj, Guatemala.

Please join us for a short informational meeting Sunday, March 16, in the Webb Room at 12:00. If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Donna Sekijima at b_d_sekijima@msn.com or Alice Ikeda at rabbithole1@comcast.net.

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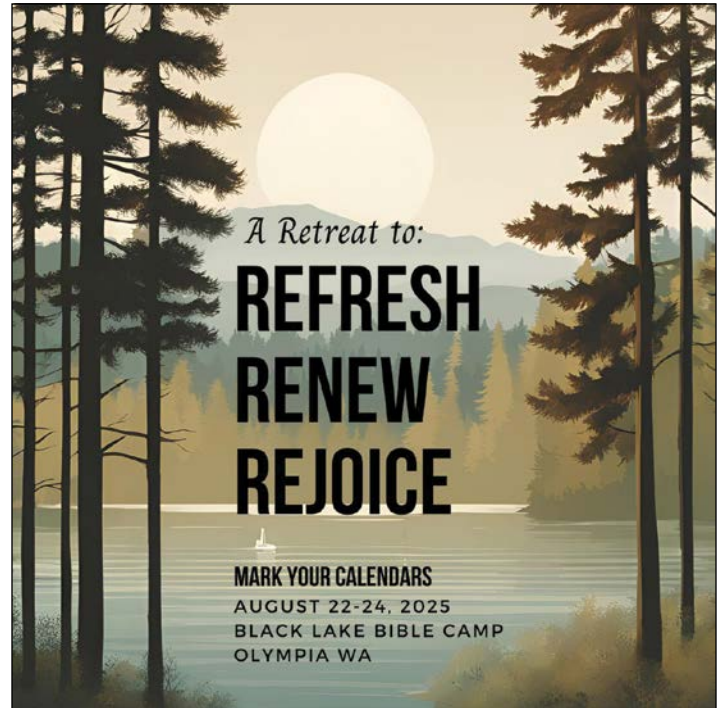
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All are welcome here!

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.



An All-Church Retreat to Refresh, Renew, and Rejoice! August 22-24, 2025

We are bringing back the All-Church Camp Retreat! This year's theme is Refresh, Renew and Rejoice! Please save the dates: August 22-24, 2025! Our campsite location will be in Olympia, WA. Please contact Harry Tang with questions. More information to be revealed...

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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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