

Worship

Worship with Blaine!

2 Lent Study: "Meeting Jesus at the Table"

4 Mission Guatemala Meeting 7 All-Church Retreat!

March 9, 2025 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • View blaineonline.org for this bulletin with Announcements



Jesus' promises, "I am the bread of life." What questions or hopes come to mind?

- *Who cheers for you and whom do you cheer?*
- *What is something "bigger than you" that you are part of?*
- *Tell the story of a table gathering that fed you in more ways than one.*
- *How would you host a dinner where people left feeling full, known, and beloved? Who would you invite? What food would you serve? What questions would you ask? What stories would you share? Can you make it happen?*

First Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Time Now to Gather

Kathy Onishi

By John D. Horman

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Blaine Memorial UMC Land Acknowledgment

Call to Worship

Stephen Sumida

Opening Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

(UMH #269)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Opening Prayer

Stephen Sumida

First Scripture Reading

ルカの福音書 / **Luke 4:1-13**

Tsutomu Nagoya, Stephen Sumida

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Special Music

A Willing Heart

By Tom Fettke

Blaine Memorial UMC Choir

Prayers of the People

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Second Scripture Reading

ヨハネの福音書 / **John 6:25-40**

Tsutomu Nagoya, Stephen Sumida

Sermon

Bread of Life

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Song of Meditation

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

(UMH #629, v. 1, 2, 4 and 5)

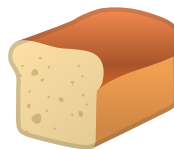
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Introduction to the Offering

Stephen Sumida

Offertory Music

Kathy Onishi



Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(UMH #94)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

Stephen Sumida

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Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Closing Hymn

I Come With Joy

(UMH #617)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

Change My Heart, O God

By Eddie Espinosa

Kathy Onishi

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love



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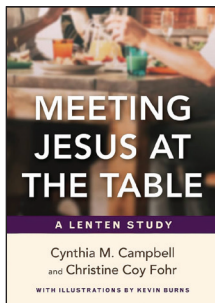
Prayer and Coffee • Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Join Rev. Karen for prayer and community on Wednesday (3/12) 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 significance of Lent. Feel free to bring a cup of coffee, tea, and a bite to eat. Hope to see you on Wednesday.



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:

- 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!

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.



Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, March 9, 2025:

First Sunday in Lent

- Deuteronomy 26:1-11
- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
- Romans 10:8b-13
- Luke 4:1-13

Monday, March 10, 2025:

- Psalm 17
- 1 Chronicles 21:1-17
- 1 John 2:1-6;

Tuesday, March 11, 2025:

- Psalm 17
- Zechariah 3:1-10
- 2 Peter 2:4-21

Wednesday, March 12, 2025:

- Psalm 17
- Job 1:1-22
- Luke 21:34-22:6

Thursday, March 13, 2025:

- Psalm 27
- Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18
- Philippians 3:2-12

Friday, March 14, 2025:

- Psalm 27
- Genesis 14:17-24
- Philippians 3:17-20

Saturday, March 15, 2025:

- Psalm 27
- Psalm 118:26-29
- Matthew 23:37-39



Reconciling Ministries Network Devotional, Written by Lynne Onishi

Blaine Memorial UMC Member, Former BYG Director, and CST Seminarian Lynne Onishi has written a Lenten devotional, and it is available as a digital download for \$10. You can read a little more about the RMN Lenten Devotional by scanning the QR code.



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.

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2 All-Church Retreat, Save the Date!
4 120th Anniversary in Photos 7 Spiritual Formation

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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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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

Senior Pastor	Rev. Karen Yokota Love
Choir Director	Eugene Onishi
Church School Superintendent	Sai Hanaoka
BYG Associate Director	Kaylee Yokoyama
Pianist	Kathy Onishi
Office Assistant	Yuki Sofronas
Bookkeeper	Mimi Mar



Lay Leadership Team

Administrative Board	Brad Miyake
Staff Parish Relations	Arlene Naganawa
Board of Trustees	Ron Nobuyama, Brian Okura
Finance Committee	Harry Tang
Lay Leaders	Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi
Annual Conference Delegates	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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