

# 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](http://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)

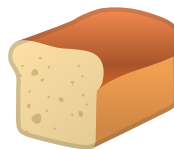
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

### 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

### Announcements

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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## Announcements

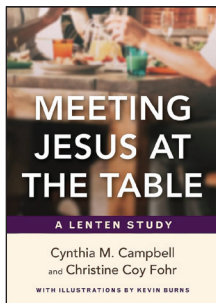
### Prayer and Coffee • Wednesday, March 12, 2025

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 Semetebaj, 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](mailto:b_d_sekijima@msn.com) or Alice Ikeda at [rabbithole1@comcast.net](mailto: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 the people in the United States, where recent political decisions have stirred the nation. The threat of expulsion or arrest for students involved in protests raises concerns about freedom and justice. We pray for the protection of democratic freedom, for the safety of all citizens, and for leaders who uphold justice and equality for all.
- Prayers for our economy as we acknowledge the economic tremors shaking the global market. The imposition of tariffs, the delay of tariffs, has sparked fears of a trade war, affecting nations far and wide. We pray for economic stability, for wisdom among leaders to navigate these turbulent waters, and for the well-being of all who are affected by these changes.
- Prayers for President Volodymyr Oleksandrovych Zelenskyy, a brave person who is willing to sacrifice his career and power to save the Ukrainian people. We remember the people of Ukraine, where recent summits have sought paths to peace amidst ongoing conflict. We pray for the sovereignty and security of Ukraine, for the success of diplomatic efforts, and for the protection of all innocent lives caught in the turmoil. May the international community stand united in support of peace and justice.
- Prayers for the astronauts aboard the International Space Station, who, despite challenges, continue their mission. We pray for their safe return, for the success of their endeavors, and for the continued pursuit of knowledge that unites humanity in wonder and discovery.
- Prayers for the people who live in Gaza and Israel ... where conflict has once again erupted. The ceasefire that held promise has expired, and the threat of renewed violence looms over Gaza and Israel. We pray for an end to hostilities, for the protection of innocent lives, and for the restoration of peace. May the leaders on both sides be guided by wisdom and compassion, working towards a lasting peace that honors the dignity of all.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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BLACK LAKE BIBLE CAMP  
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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

Choir Director

Church School Superintendent

BYG Associate Director

Pianist

Office Assistant

Bookkeeper

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Eugene Onishi

Sai Hanaoka

Kaylee Yokoyama

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### Lay Leadership Team

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Ron Nobuyama, Brian Okura

Harry Tang

Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi

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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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