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When have you chosen “sacrifice” over “mercy” when practicing radical hospitality Jesus models for us and to which God calls us?

- When has someone been very generous with you?
- What groups tend to be viewed the way “tax collectors and sinners” were in Jesus’ day? Have you ever been shamed for who you eat with or keep company with?
- How might we help “heal” the suffering and ostracism that such people experience?

Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Come, Holy Spirit

By Mark Foreman

Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Call to Worship

George Yates

Opening Hymn

Here I am, Lord

(UMH #593)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Opening Prayer

George Yates

Children’s Message

Masato “Mike” Takahashi

Special Music

Without His Cross

By Joseph M. Martin

Blaine Memorial UMC Choir

First Scripture Reading

マタイの福音書 / **Matthew 9:9-13**

(JLB, NRSVUE)

Tsutomu Nagoya, George Yates

Second Scripture Reading

ルカの福音書 / **Luke 13:18-21**

(JLB, NRSVUE)

Tsutomu Nagoya, George Yates

Sermon

Mercy, Not Sacrifice

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Song of Meditation

Lord, Whose Love Through

Humble Service

(UMH #581)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Introduction to the Offering

George Yates

Offertory Music

Kathy Onishi

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All

Blessings Flow

(UMH #94)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

George Yates

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Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Closing Hymn

Sent Forth By God’s Blessing

(UMH #664)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

O Lord, You’re Beautiful

By Keith Green

Kathy Onishi

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Jeney Park-Hearn, Dale Kaneko



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Announcements



Blaine Girl Scout Troop #43880 Cookie Booth Today 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 • Today at 12:00pm

Are you interested in going on a mission trip from August 8-16, 2025? Do you have a desire to serve others in an underdeveloped country? Are you not sure about going, but want to learn more? 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, 2025, in the Webb Room at 12:00 PM. Lunch will be provided for those who attend the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Donna Sekijima at b_d_sekijima@msn.com or Alice Ikeda at rabbithole1@comcast.net.

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

Rev. Karen will lead the Lent Book Study using Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study. The classes will be held on Zoom, the link will be released the day before. She will teach the class on the following days:

- Tuesday (3/18), 7:00PM, Surprised by Grace: Luke 7:36-50
- Tuesday (3/25), 7:00PM, Relationships and Reciprocity, Luke 14:7-14
- Tuesday (4/1), 7:00PM, Excuses and Invitation, Luke 14:15-24
- Tuesday (4/8), 7:00PM, Hospitality and Discipleship, John 12:1-8
- Tuesday (4/15), 7:00PM, A Meal of Memories, Matthew 26:17-30 and Easter, Luke 24:13-35

Prayer and Coffee • Wednesdays at 9am

Join Rev. Karen for prayer and community on Wednesday (3/19) 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.

50th Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival at Seattle Center • April 11-13, 2025

The Japanese Community and Cultural Center of Washington are asking for your help. They need refreshments for the Volunteer Hospitality Team who is working at the 50th Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival at the Seattle Center. They are requesting potluck dish donations of mochi, onigiri, spaghetti, different salads, beverages, snacks, hot dogs, etc.

Potluck dishes may lovingly be donated the days of Friday (4/11), Saturday (4/12), and Sunday (4/13) from 11:00AM-5:00PM. Questions? Please email Emiliano Baird at eshiba@outlook.com or at (206) 372-5156.

Migrant and Refugee Donation Ministry at Riverton Park UMC!

Riverton Park UMC is in dire need of: diapers (sizes 3 through 7), diaper wipes, kitchen pots and pans, paper plates, toothpaste, long grain rice, and cooking oil.

Collection items can be dropped off to the Blaine Memorial Social Hall from Tuesday-Friday between 10:00AM-4:00PM. Please call the Church Office at (206) 723-1536 prior to dropping off your items.

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, March 16, 2025:

- Second Sunday in Lent
- Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
- Psalm 27
- Philippians 3:17-4:1
- Luke 13:31-35
- Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Monday, March 17, 2025:

- Psalm 105:1-42
- Exodus 33:1-6
- Romans 4:1-12

Tuesday, March 18, 2025:

- Psalm 105:1-42
- Numbers 14:10b-24
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Wednesday, March 19, 2025:

- Psalm 105:1-42
- 2 Chronicles 20:1-22
- Luke 13:22-31

Thursday, March 20, 2025:

- Psalm 63:1-8
- Daniel 3:19-30
- Revelation 2:8-11

Friday, March 21, 2025:

- Psalm 63:1-8
- Daniel 12:1-4
- Revelation 3:1-6

Saturday, March 22, 2025:

- Psalm 63:1-8
- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Luke 6:43-45



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 here: [Into the Wilderness: a Reconciling Lenten Devotional - Reconciling Ministries Network.](#)



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 as last night, President Trump invoked the Alien Enemies Act of 1798 for the first time since World War II, granting himself sweeping powers under a centuries-old law to deport people associated with a Venezuelan gang. During World War II, with anti-foreigner fears sweeping the country, it was part of the legal rationale for mass incarceration in the United States of people of German, Italian and especially Japanese and Japanese American ancestry. An estimated 120,000 people with Japanese heritage, including those with U.S. citizenship, were incarcerated during the war. 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 South Korea, where the impeachment proceedings against Yoon Suk Yeol means a pause on the South Korean’s president’s effective foreign policy and further opportunity for North Korea’s leader to increase his regime’s nuclear capabilities. We pray for the country as they continue to face uncertainty and fear following the South Korean President’s declaration of Martial Law on December 3, 2024.
- Prayers for President Volodymyr Oleksandrovych Zelenskyy, a brave person who is willing to sacrifice his career and power to save the Ukrainian people. 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 ongoing conflicts, uncertainty and strife in Israel and Palestine, and the ways that it has affected those living in the United States, such as Mahmoud Khalil – a recent graduate of Columbia University and a green card holder who was arrested by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers for participating in a protest against the Israel-Hamas War.
- 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.

2025 Educational Scholarships • Application period open through May 15, 2025

The Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Educational Scholarships are designed to support the mission of the church through supporting a multitude of educational opportunities. We are proud to have helped students in their pursuit of continuing education since 1968. We encourage all applicants; from those just entering their next phase of education to those returning to complete or pursue continued education.

We are blessed to offer the following scholarships:

Vera Ing Community College/ Trade School Scholarship

Established in 2016. Award(s) will be made to those pursuing continued education through community colleges and/or technical/trade schools. Other Eligibility Opportunities/Community Based Internships: There is also opportunity for a scholarship to support an internship for a nonprofit or community organization.

Robert and Lucy Sato Scholarship

Award(s) will be made to a college undergraduate and/or graduate student pursuing a degree in Engineering, Mathematics, Nursing, Science, Technology or related fields of study.

Ted and Margaret Yasuda Scholarship

Award(s) will be made to high school seniors or college undergraduate

Blaine Memorial Scholarship

Award(s) will be made to high school seniors, community college, technical/trade school, and/or college undergraduate or graduate student.

Applications are available through emailing BlaineUMCScholarships@gmail.com or through the church office. All scholarships will consider, but are not limited to, elements such as grades (if applicable), personal essay, church participation and finances. Applications and two (2) letters of recommendation must be received no later than May 15, 2025 for consideration. We are looking forward to applicants excited about pursuing their education.

For more information, contact Michelle Vaughan, Scholarship Chair.

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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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Ways to Give "Every person must bring a gift in proportion to God's blessings upon you." (Deut. 16: 17)

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