

# Worship

## Worship with Blaine!

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### How does Jesus' welcome turn us upside down? How can interruptions be an opportunity?

- How do you feel about being interrupted while speaking or in the middle of a task or meal? What distinguishes a good interruption from a bad one?
- Why was the behavior of this woman with the alabaster jar so scandalous? What would be a comparably scandalous interruption today?
- How might you prepare yourself to look for the opportunity in the next interruption you experience?

## Third Sunday of Lent

### Prelude

#### Glory in the Cross

By Dan Schutte  
Kathy Onishi

### Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Blaine Memorial UMC

#### Land Acknowledgment

### \*Call to Worship

Kai Yamamoto

### \*Opening Hymn

#### O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

(UMH 57, verses 1-4, 6)  
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

### Opening Prayer

Kai Yamamoto

### First Scripture Reading

イザヤ書 / Isaiah 55:1-9  
Tutomu Nagoya, Kai Yamamoto

### Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

### Special Music

#### Rescuer

By Benjamin Hastings, Bryan Fowler,  
Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson  
Blaine Memorial UMC Choir

### Second Scripture Reading

ルカの福音書 / Luke 7:36-50  
Tutomu Nagoya, Kai Yamamoto

### Sermon

#### Holy Interruptions

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Song of Meditation

#### Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

(UMH #349, sing through twice)  
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

### Introduction to the Offering

Kai Yamamoto

### Offertory Music

Kathy Onishi

### \*Doxology

#### Praise God, from Whom

#### All Blessings Flow

(UMH #94)  
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Kai Yamamoto

### Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Closing Hymn

#### Grace Alone

(TFWS #2162, sing through twice)  
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

### Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Postlude

#### More Like You

By Scott Wesley Brown  
Kathy Onishi

### Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn  
& Dale Kaneko



# Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church



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## Announcements

### 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 (3/25), 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 (3/26) 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.



The poster features a light green background with pink and teal accents. At the top, it says 'BYG Hawaiian' in pink, 'MAR 30, 2025' in teal, and 'Food Fundraiser' in pink. Below that, it lists '\$15 After Service', 'Location: Social Hall', and 'Supports Camping Ministries!' in teal. On the left, there are illustrations of a pulled pork musubi, a bowl of mac salad, a plate of coleslaw, and a bowl of vegetarian options. On the right, there is a teal guitar. A list of menu items is shown with blue hibiscus icons: Pulled Pork, Mac Salad, Coleslaw, and Vegetarian Options.

The Blaine Youth Group (BYG) is excited to announce our Hawaiian Food Fundraiser!

We'll be serving a delicious homemade Hawaiian lunch including: pulled pork, mac salad, SPAM musubi, coleslaw, with a vegetarian meal option for \$15.

Support our BYG as we begin raising funds for Camping Ministries! We hope to see you there!

## Daily Lectionary Readings

### Sunday, March 23, 2025:

#### Third Sunday in Lent

- Isaiah 55:1-9:
- Psalm 63:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- Luke 13:1-9

### Monday, March 24, 2025:

- Psalm 39
- Jeremiah 11:1-17
- Romans 2:1-11

### Tuesday, March 25, 2025:

- Psalm 39
- Ezekiel 17:1-10
- Romans 2:12-16;

### Annunciation of the Lord:

- Isaiah 7:10-14
- Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10
- Hebrews 10:4-10
- Luke 1:26-38

### Wednesday, March 26, 2025:

- Psalm 39
- Numbers 13:17-27
- Luke 13:18-21

### Thursday, March 27, 2025:

- Psalm 32
- Joshua 4:1-13
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5

### Friday, March 28, 2025:

- Psalm 32
- Joshua 4:14-24
- 2 Corinthians 5:6-15

### Saturday, March 29, 2025:

- Psalm 32
- Exodus 32:7-14
- Luke 15:1-10



### 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 of joy for Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore, the two American astronauts who returned safely to Earth after being stranded on the International Space Station for nine months.
- Prayers of joy as we rejoice with New York resident Sebastien Beauzile, the first patient ever cured of Sickle Cell Anemia.
- Prayers for people in the United States, where legal residents are being deported for being activists and fear that rights of free speech only apply to some, and we lift up all those who are unsafe in “peaceful” surroundings.
- Prayers for people in the United States as President Trump invoked the Alien Enemies Act of 1798 last week 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 peace in all areas of the world, and lift up Ukraine and Russia today with a breath of relief as the exchange of 372 prisoners of war were swapped in an agreement brokered by the United Arab Emirates, which has been one of the largest exchanges since 2022. We pray that this gesture of goodwill leads to a ceasefire.
- 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. As bloodshed resumes once again in Palestine with airstrikes Tuesday morning while beloved human beings were sleeping, we continue to mourn and pray for your shalom in the holy land. During the month of Ramadan, a time of prayer, reflection, and fasting in the Muslim tradition, we long for salaam for all your people.
- 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.

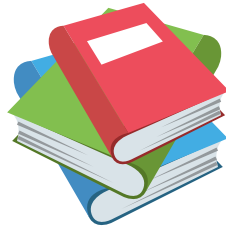
## 2025 Educational Scholarships • Application period open through May 15, 2025

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.

### Blaine Memorial Scholarship

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

### Ted and Margaret Yasuda Scholarship

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

Applications are available through emailing [BlaineUMCScholarships@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### 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  
Kathy Onishi  
Yuki Sofronas  
Mimi Mar

### Lay Leadership Team

Administrative Board  
Staff Parish Relations  
Board of Trustees  
Finance Committee  
Lay Leaders  
Annual Conference Delegates

Brad Miyake  
Arlene Naganawa  
Ron Nobuyama, Brian Okura  
Harry Tang  
Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi  
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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