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How does your notion of “the table” need to change in accordance with Jesus’s call?

- What are the excuses we use to justify avoiding giving and receiving hospitality?
- How might extending an invitation to the most vulnerable change the current realities of the church?

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

The Family Prayer Song

By Morris Chapman
Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Blaine Memorial UMC

Land Acknowledgment

*Call to Worship

Aidan Lew

*Opening Hymn

Freely, Freely

(UMH #389)
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Opening Prayer

Aidan Lew

Whitney Memorial UMC Scholarship:

Lynne Onishi

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

First Scripture Reading

ヨハネの福音書/John 12:1-8

(JLB, CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Aidan Lew

Children’s Message

Sai Hanaoka

Special Music

Grace

By Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson
and Rich Thompson
Blaine Memorial Praise Band

Second Scripture Reading

ルカの福音書/Luke 14:15-24

Tsutomu Nagoya, Aidan Lew

Sermon

Empty Chairs, New Invitations

Lynne Onishi
Claremont School of Theology
Seminarian

Hymn of Reflection

More Like You

(TFWS #2167)
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Holy Communion

Rev. Karen Yokota Love,
Lynne Onishi

Introduction to the Offering

Aidan Lew

Offertory Music

Kathy Onishi

*Doxology

Praise God,

From Whom All Blessings Flow

(UMH #94)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

*Prayer of Dedication

Aidan Lew

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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

The Compassion Hymn

By Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,

Stuart Townend

Kathy Onishi

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

& Dale Kaneko



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Announcements

Sign Easter Cards in the Social Hall • Today!

Today (4/6) we will have our beautiful handmade Easter cards out on tables in the Social Hall for our church members to sign. These cards are for our loved ones who are sick, or are grieving, in need of our loving support, or some encouragement. Please write a friendly note and say hello to friends in our community. This is the last Sunday the cards will be out in the Social Hall for folks to sign.



Order Easter Lilies, Today! Ends April 13, 2025

Easter Lilies will once again bring beauty and fragrance to our worship setting for Easter Sunday, April 20.

How to Order:

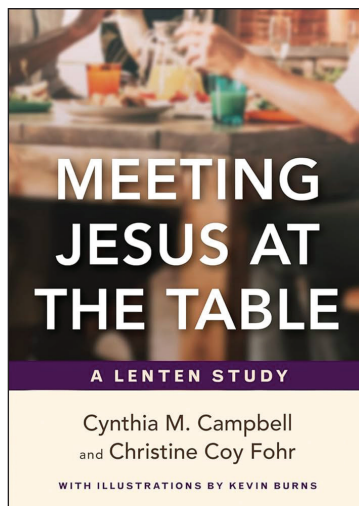
- Complete the order form (church office or blaineonline.org). The cost for each plant is \$12. You can submit your form by Sunday, April 13.
- Send to Blaine Memorial UMC, ATTN: Easter Lily, 3001 24th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98144.
- Bring form to the church office.
- Or, place this form in the offering plates by Sunday, April 13, 2025.

Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study, See Schedule

Rev. Karen will lead the Lent Book Study using Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study on the following days:

- 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

The classes will be held on Zoom and the link will be released the day before. This is a great opportunity for you to join if you are currently not in a small group and would like to participate in this Lenten Study.



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](#).



Prayer & Coffee • Wednesdays, 9am

Join Rev. Karen for prayer and community on Wednesdays at 9:00AM on Zoom. 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.

Contact Rev. Karen for a link to this Zoom session.

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, April 6, 2025:

Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- John 12:1-8

Monday, April 7, 2025:

- Psalm 20
- Exodus 40:1-15
- Hebrews 10:19-25;

Tuesday, April 8, 2025:

- Psalm 20
- Judges 9:7-15
- 1 John 2:18-28

Wednesday, April 9, 2025:

- Psalm 20
- Habakkuk 3:2-15
- Luke 18:31-34;

Thursday, April 10, 2025:

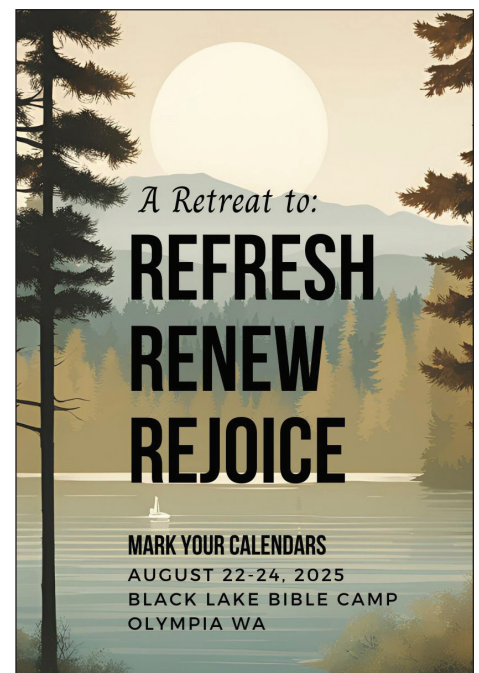
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Isaiah 53:10-12
- Hebrews 2:1-9;

Friday, April 11, 2025:

- Psalm 31:9-16
- Isaiah 54:9-10
- Hebrews 2:10-18

Saturday, April 12, 2025:

- Psalm 31:9-16
- Leviticus 23:1-8
- Luke 22:1-13



Please contact Harry Tang with questions. More information to be revealed...

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 (Madyson, 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 April birthdays and anniversaries!

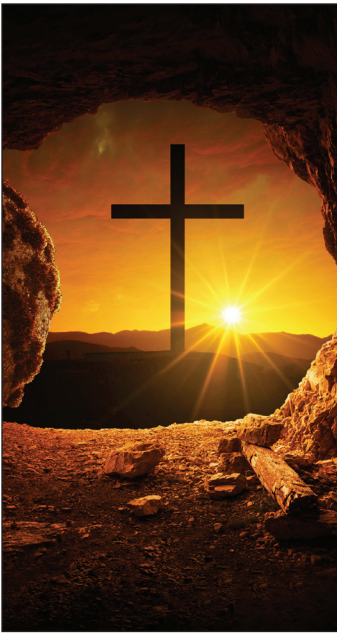
For our United Methodist Church

- 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 hope as we pray for all people affected by the earthquakes that have devastated areas of Myanmar, Thailand and China. Two back-to-back earthquakes struck Myanmar. The first earthquake had a magnitude of 7.7, centered around Sagaing City, the capital of the north western Sagaing region of Myanmar. We pray for the safety of people in the midst of natural disaster and war.
- 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 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. We ask for God’s guidance, comfort, and protection for the people of Ukraine. We ask that there’s an end to the conflict. We pray for wisdom and compassion for world leaders.
- 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, we continue to mourn and pray for your shalom in the holy land.
- Prayers for our economy as we acknowledge the economic tremors shaking the global market. The imposition 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.



Good Friday • April 18

This year's Good Friday Service will be a new collaboration with Beacon UMC. Blaine Memorial UMC is hosting our first Good Friday collaborative worship service with Beacon UMC at 7:00PM. We will begin our evening together with a simple soup supper meal at 5:45PM, followed with worship at 7:00PM. Join us as we remember Jesus' seven last words and actions before being crucified. We'll remember Jesus' love for us. We'll hear from different members of Blaine Memorial UMC and Beacon UMC.

Celebrate the Risen Christ, Easter Sunday • April 20

Easter Breakfast: Join us for Easter Breakfast in the LAC at 8:30AM as the Blaine Youth Group (BYG) will prepare, cook, and serve the breakfast. There will be two opportunities to eat: 8:30AM and after worship!

Flowering of the Cross: One of the most meaningful traditions that we celebrate on Easter Sunday is the Flowering of the Cross. It symbolizes new life in Christ. We invite all who are attending Easter Sunday worship (in person) to bring flowers from your garden (trimmed to a short stem). These flowers will be placed on the cross as you enter the Sanctuary for Easter worship.

Easter Egg Hunt: The Church School invites children to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard (weather permitting). Please remind children to bring their own baskets, and feel free to invite your grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to join us for the hunt!

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

We are blessed to offer the following scholarships: Vera Ing Community College/Trade School Scholarship, Robert and Lucy Sato Scholarship, Blaine Memorial Scholarship, Ted and Margaret Yasuda Scholarship

Applications are available through emailing BlaineUMCScholarships@gmail.com or through the church office. 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, scan the QR code or 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
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Ways to Give "Every person must bring a gift in proportion to God's blessings upon you." (Deut. 16: 17)

- **Online:** Click the Realm logo at blaineonline.org or scan the QR code on the left.
- **Mobile:** Download the free "Realm Connect" app. Use your sign-in and click GIVING. Contact the Church Office, blaineoffice@yahoo.com for a Realm sign-in.
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