

# Worship

Worship with Blaine!

2 Good Friday, Easter Dates

2 Stamp the Ireichō Book of Names 4 Scholarships!

April 13, 2025 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • View [blaineonline.org](http://blaineonline.org) for this bulletin with Announcements



How does Jesus' choice of a donkey over a warhorse redefine kin(g)ship?

## Palm/Passion Sunday

### Prelude

**We Will Glorify the King of Kings**

*By Twila Paris*

Kathy Onishi

### Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### \*Call to Worship

Sally Sekijima

### Opening Hymn

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

*Kathy & Eugene Onishi*

(UMH #278)

### Opening Prayer

Sally Sekijima

### First Scripture Reading

**Luke 19:28-40**

Michiko Ono, Sally Sekijima

### Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

### Special Music

**Hosanna!**

*By Craig Courtney*

Blaine Memorial UMC Choir

### Second Scripture Reading

**Philippians 2:5-11**

Michiko Ono, Sally Sekijima

### Sermon

**Love Leads Us**

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Hymn of Reflection

**Jesus, Remember Me**

*(UMH #488)*

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

### Introduction to the Offering

Sally Sekijima

### Offertory Music

Kathy Onishi

### Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom All**

**Blessings Flow**

*(UMH #94)*

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

### Prayer of Dedication

Sally Sekijima

### Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Closing Hymn

**Where You There**

*(UMH #288)*

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

*There will not be a Postlude today.*

*After the final hymn, we will sit in silence and then Rev. Karen will exit the Sanctuary and people will follow.*

### Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn,

Dale Kaneko

*Thank you to Christine Yorozu for the palm fronds!*



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## Sermon Questions

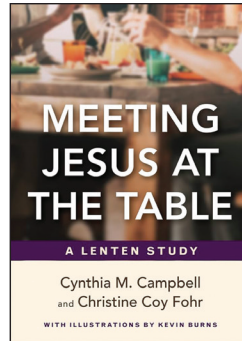
- *What special traditions do you have for Palm Sunday? How do they help you remember the significance of the day?*
- *How does the contrast between the joyful welcome and the impending suffering resonate with you?*
- *How do you perceive the depth of God's love for you, particularly in light of Jesus' sacrifice?*

## Announcements

### Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study, Tuesday (4/15), 7:00PM

Rev. Karen will lead the Lent Book Study using Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study. She will cover "A Meal of Memories", Matthew 26:17-30 and Easter, Luke 24:13-35

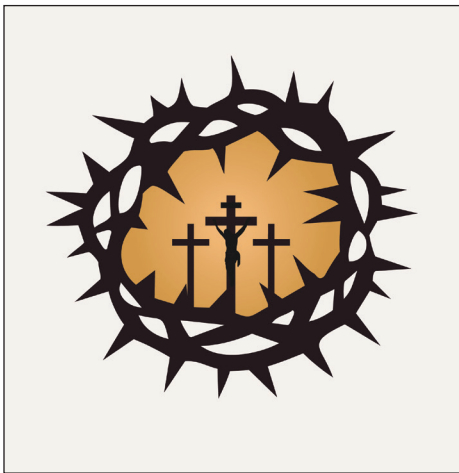
The classes will be held on Zoom and the link will be released the day before. This is class is a great opportunity for you to join if you are currently not in a small group and would like to participate in this Lenten Study.



### Prayer & Coffee • Wednesdays, 9am

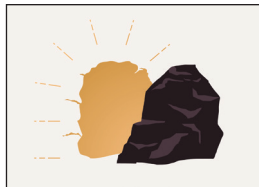
Join Rev. Karen for prayer and community on Wednesdays at 9:00AM on Zoom. We will discuss the significance of Lent. Feel free to bring a cup of coffee, tea, and a bite to eat. Hope to see you on Wednesday.

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



### 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!

## Daily Lectionary Readings

### Sunday, April 13, 2025:

#### Liturgy of the Palms

- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
- Luke 19:28-40

### Sunday, April 13, 2025:

#### Liturgy of the Passion

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

### Monday, April 14, 2025:

#### Monday of Holy Week

- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Psalm 36:5-11
- Hebrews 9:11-15
- John 12:1-11

### Tuesday, April 15, 2025:

#### Tuesday of Holy Week

- Isaiah 49:1-7
- Psalm 71:1-141
- Corinthians 1:18-31
- John 12:20-36

### Wednesday, April 16, 2025:

#### Wednesday of Holy Week

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 70
- Hebrews 12:1-3
- John 13:21-32

### Thursday, April 17, 2025:

#### Maunder Thursday

- Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
- Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### Friday, April 18, 2025:

#### Good Friday

- Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- Psalm 22
- Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
- John 18:1-19:42

### Saturday, April 19, 2025:

#### Holy Saturday

- Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24
- Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
- 1 Peter 4:1-8
- Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42



# 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 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**

- We are delighted to announce that Job Pangilinan will be appointed as the Associate Pastor to Blaine Memorial UMC effective July 1, 2025!
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating April and May 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 the Pacific Northwest Conference expresses a new way of district superintendency work in our future.

## **For our community, nation, and world**

- Prayers for every student and teacher on spring break. May each person be safe, and enjoy the break. We are grateful for those who have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. We ask for protection, guidance, joy and for the opportunity to create lasting memories during this time of rest and recreation.
- Prayers of each person who is experiencing grief of losing a loved one. May God's comfort hold you in love and peace.
- Prayers for the six people who died when a helicopter crashed into the Hudson River on Thursday, April 10, 2025. Prayers for the extended families who grieve the loss of those on board of the helicopter. May they be comforted in God's love.
- Prayers for peace in all areas of the world touched by war in Syria, Israel, Palestine, Iraq, Yemen, Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Russia, Ukraine, and in many other areas that are unknown to us.
- 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 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 Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a Maryland man who was mistakenly deported to a mega-jail in El Salvador. Prayers that he is returned safely to the US.
- 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.
- We continue to pray for the work of Tsuru for Solidarity, our partnership with them, and the work that we all continue to do for the greater good. May we continue to educate, advocate, and protest to close all U.S. concentration camps. May we continue to build solidarity with other communities of color that have experienced forced removal, detention, deportation, separation of families, and other forms of racial and state violence. May God continue to heal each one of us through community, and shared stories by addressing our trauma.
- We continue to pray for those struggling to find safe and affordable housing, and for families facing the threat of being unhoused. Grant them the strength to persevere and the resources to find stable homes. May our communities be filled with compassion and action, creating spaces where everyone can thrive.



# Beacon

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Blaine Memorial UMC, Kimball Elementary, The Cloud Pavilion

*Finding Your Joy!*



Sukiyaki Dinner: Thank You for Supporting Disaster Response!



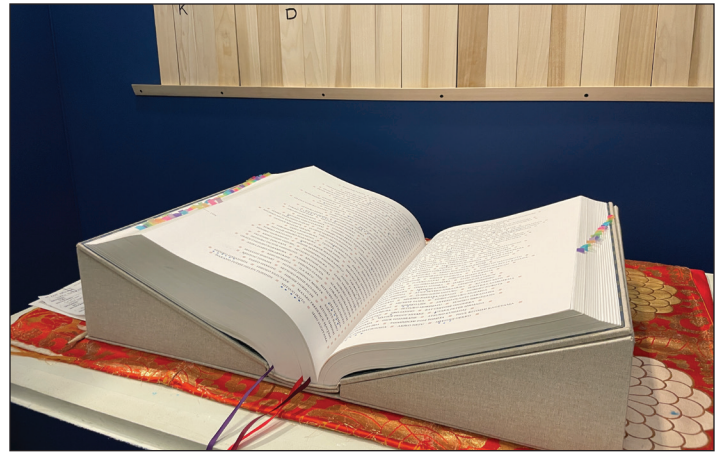
Blaine Youth Group: Staying Grounded During Lent



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### Ireichō Book of Names • See Dates, Sign Up Now!

Request to stamp the Ireichō Book of Names in Seattle, in Puyallup, and on Bainbridge Island in 2026!

The Irei Project, in conjunction with the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Puyallup Valley Chapter and Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial Association, is pleased to offer appointments to stamp the Ireichō at the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church in Seattle on March 27, 2026, at the Expo Hall and Remembrance Gallery in Puyallup on March 28, 2026, and at the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial on March 29 and March 30, 2026. Stamping is by appointment only.

Sign up now! <https://ireizo.org/tour/>

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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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