

# Worship

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What does the Easter story  
teach us about who God is?

## Easter Sunday

### Prelude

#### Alleluia

By Fintan O'Carroll  
and Christopher Walker  
Kathy Onishi

### Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### \*Call to Worship

Steve Sumida

### \*Opening Prayer

Steve Sumida

### Opening Anthem

#### He Is Not Here

By Russell Nagy  
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

### First Scripture Reading

ルカの福音書 / Luke 24:1-12 (CEB)  
Tutomu Nagoya, Steve Sumida

### Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

### Special Music

#### "Mary at the Tomb"

By Bradley Ellingboe  
Blaine Memorial UMC Choir

### Special Video

#### Rise and Shine

The Work of the People

### Second Scripture Reading

#### John 20:1-18 (CEB)

Tutomu Nagoya, Steve Sumida,  
and Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Sermon

#### Bringing New Life

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Songs of Easter Reflection

#### Here I Am Lord

(UMH #593)

#### Hymn of Promise

(UMH #707)

#### Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

(UMH #302)

Blaine Ukulele Group of Seattle

### 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 Song

#### "Rescuer"

By Benjamin Hastings, Bryan Fowler,  
Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson  
Blaine Memorial Praise Band

### \*Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

### Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love



## Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church

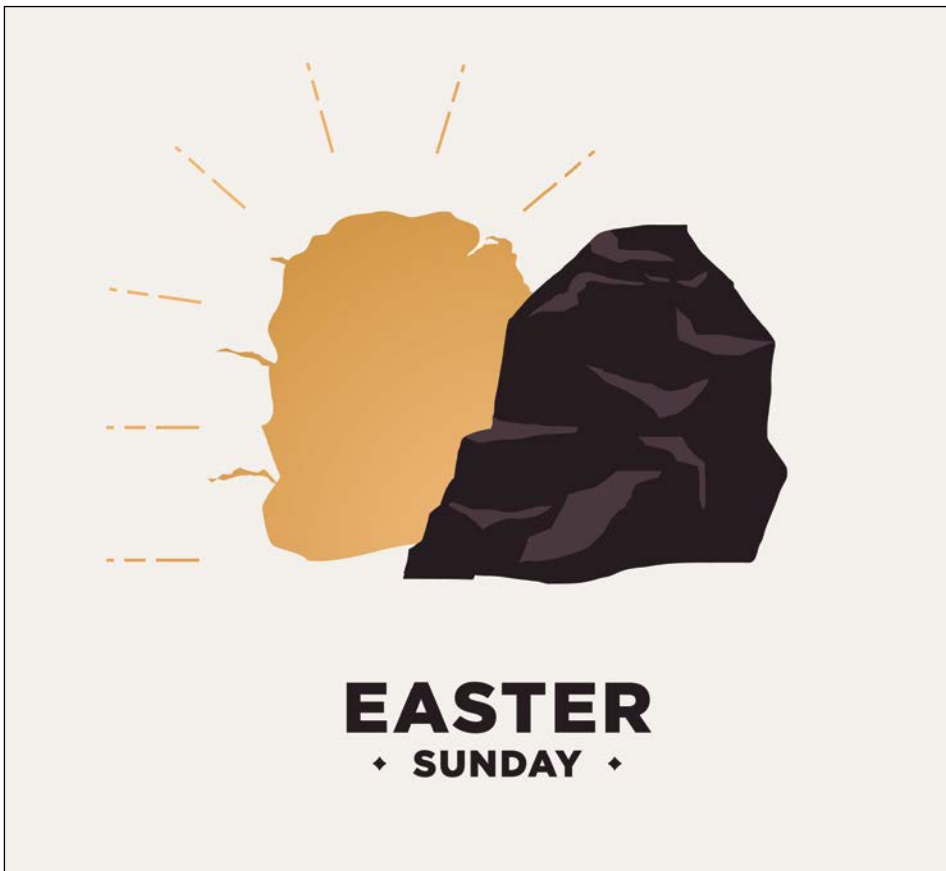


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## Announcements



### Celebrate the Risen Christ, Easter Sunday • Today

*Easter Breakfast:* The Blaine Youth Group (BYG) has prepared a hearty Easter breakfast. If you missed your opportunity to have a meal at 8:30am, don't worry - they will continue serving breakfast 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!

### Special Charge Conference Meeting Thursday, May1, 2025 at 7:00PM on Zoom

#### Inviting Ad Board, SPRC and Trustees Leadership to Attend.

The purpose of the special charge conference is to approve the salary and benefits package of Job Pangilinan, incoming Associate Pastor, effective July 1, 2025. Rev. Karen Yokota Love will preside over this Special Charge Conference.

Rev. Karen will send out a Zoom link prior to the Special Charge Conference session.



## Daily Lectionary Readings

### Sunday, April 20, 2025:

#### Easter Vigil

- Genesis 1:1-2:4a
- Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26
- Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13
- Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

### Sunday, April 20, 2025:

#### Resurrection of the Lord

- Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43
- John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

### Sunday, April 20, 2025:

#### Easter Evening

- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Psalm 114
- 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
- Luke 24:13-49

### Monday, April 21, 2025:

- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
- Joshua 10:16-27;
- 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

### Tuesday, April 22, 2025:

- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
- Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a;
- Revelation 12:1-12

### Wednesday, April 23, 2025:

- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
- 2 Samuel 6:1-15;
- Luke 24:1-12

### Thursday, April 24, 2025:

- Psalm 150;
- 1 Samuel 17:1-23;
- Acts 5:12-16

### Friday, April 25, 2025:

- Psalm 150;
- 1 Samuel 17:19-32;
- Acts 5:17-26

### Saturday, April 26, 2025:

- Psalm 150;
- 1 Samuel 17:32-51;
- Luke 24:36-40

## 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.



## Mission Guatemala Our Next Meeting!

We are super excited about the upcoming trip to Guatemala for 2025, Friday 8/8/25 to Saturday 8/16/25.

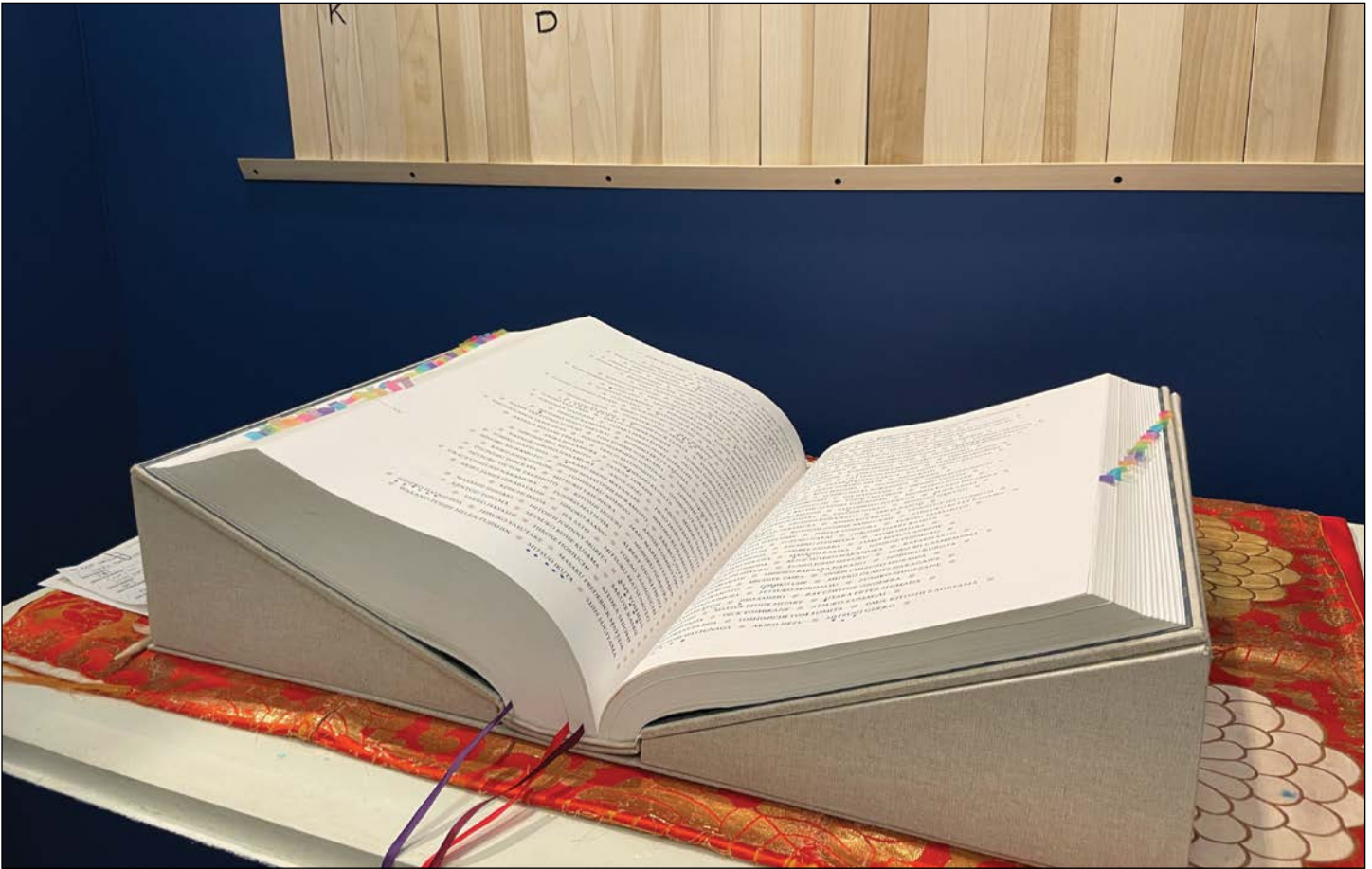
### Join us for our next meeting!

Mark your calendar: Sunday, May 4th – yes May the 4th be with you! We will have a meeting to discuss flight information as well as more of the detailed logistics of the trip. We will more than likely need final decisions from folks about attending by the end of May.

*For more information, contact Alice Ikeda or Bob & Donna Sekijima.*



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...



*The Ireichō document listing the 125,000+ persons of Japanese ancestry incarcerated by the US Government during World War 2. Image courtesy of Matsujima/Wikipedia.*

**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/>



**“Currents: An Operetta” featuring Gail Nomura and Shigeru Nishida in a Discussion Panel  
May 7, 2025, 7:00PM**

Join Gail Nomura and Shig Nishida at McMenamin’s Anderson School, Hayne’s Hall in Bothell, WA on May 7, 2025 at 7:00PM at “Currents: An Operetta”! The event is free, both you’ll need to register here

Location:  
Haynes’ Hall - 18607 Bothell Way NE- Bothell

All ages welcome! Scan the QR Code for more info.



**Migrant and Refugee Donation Ministry  
@ Riverton Park UMC**

**Blaine Memorial UMC Collection Hours:  
Tuesday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm**

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
- Cooking oil

Blaine Memorial UMC Collection Hours: 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.



**Urgent Help Needed for Asylum Seekers  
@ Fairwood UMC/El Dios Viviente UMC**

As the needs of our refugee siblings continue to grow, Fairwood UMC and El Dios Viviente UMC remain committed to providing essential services and shelter for refugee families at Fairwood UMC in Renton.

Right now, there are urgent needs for the asylum seeker program shelter, and we are reaching out for your support.

The following items are needed:

- Queen-size air mattresses (24-inch)
- Blankets (any size)
- Gift cards
- Toilet paper
- White rice (grain)
- Cooking oil (Crisco or Mazola)
- Trash bags (55-60 gallon)
- Laundry detergent
- Black totes (45-gallon)



If you can donate any of these items, we would deeply appreciate it. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Cruz Santos.



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# 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 “ 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**

- On this Easter Sunday, may the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to our neighbors and our faith community.
- Prayers of each person who is experiencing grief of losing a loved one. May God’s comfort hold you in love and peace.
- 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.
- 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.

- Prayers for peace in all areas of the world touched by war in Palestine, Israel, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Russia, Ukraine, and in many other areas that are unknown to us.
- Prayers as the United States government is illegally canceling the visas of hundreds of international students at U.S. universities, alleging they were fostering antisemitism by engaging in protests against Israel’s attacks on Gaza. However, that is not a legal reason to cancel their visas, since the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right of free speech to all persons in the country. The students have also not been given the legally-required opportunity for a visa-revocation hearing before a judge before being told to leave the country.
- Prayers to guarantee free speech to all in the United States, citizens, visitors, students, and immigrants alike. Without high levels of it, those in the U.S. shall become oppressed and at the mercy of blind leaders who have not thought through their policies nor recognized the failures of historical precedents. We pray that God continues to shine the light of truth through the academics, journalists and investigators who are challenging the current administration.
- Prayers as Harvard University has been in an escalating battle with the Trump administration heightened last week by a letter it received from the administration that outlined a slew of demands tied to federal funding – like reforming its curriculum and admissions programs, discontinuing DEI practices and additional policy demands. Prayers that Harvard University will stay strong and not surrender its independence or relinquish its constitutional rights.
- 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 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 despite the legal fight over his return.
- 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.

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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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# Read the Beacon Newsletter!

The latest issue of the Beacon newsletter is now available! Check out our latest issue of the Beacon newsletter! Some highlights:

- 🕊️ Rev. Karen's Senior Pastor Reflection!
- 📷 Sukiyaki in Photos!
- 🌱 BYG Update + Lent Reflections with Kaylee & Emma!
- 🏠 Spiritual Formation Center!

Plus, view our calendar info as well as our latest prayer list. Want to subscribe? Or, need to pick up a copy for you and a friend? Contact Rev. Karen or the Church Office.

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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

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Senior Pastor                | Rev. Karen Yokota Love |
| Choir Director               | Eugene Onishi          |
| Church School Superintendent | Sai Hanaoka            |
| BYG Associate Director       | Kaylee Yokoyama        |
| Pianist                      | Kathy Onishi           |
| Office Assistant             | Yuki Sofronas          |
| Bookkeeper                   | Mimi Mar               |



### Lay Leadership Team

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Administrative Board        | Brad Miyake                 |
| Staff Parish Relations      | Arlene Naganawa             |
| Board of Trustees           | Ron Nobuyama, Brian Okura   |
| Finance Committee           | Harry Tang                  |
| Lay Leaders                 | Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi |
| Annual Conference Delegates | Ron Nobuyama, George Yates  |



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