

Worship

Worship with Blaine!

2 May 1: Special Charge Conference

3 Prayers 4 "Currents" with Shig, Gail!



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Is it hard to believe without seeing proof or evidence?

- Share some examples of this from your life when you had doubt.
- Read John 20:24-29. How would you describe Thomas' attitude, both before and after Jesus appeared to him?
- What can we learn from Jesus' encounter with Thomas that can help us respond to people who have doubts?
- Read John 20:29-31. How can someone who has not seen the evidence that Thomas and the other disciples saw come to faith in Jesus as the risen Lord and Savior?

Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Either Across the Lands

Miriam Tong

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Call to Worship

Barbara Nagaoka

*Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

(UMH #92), All verses

Miriam Tong and Michelle Vaughan

*Opening Prayer

Barbara Nagaoka

Children's Message

Mike Takahashi

Psalms Scripture Reading

Psalms 118:14-29 (CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Barbara Nagaoka

Prayers of the People

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Gospel Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31 (CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Barbara Nagaoka

Sermon

Without a Doubt

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Reflection

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

TFWS #2060, All verses

Miriam Tong, Michelle Vaughan

Introduction to the Offering

Barbara Nagaoka

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All

Blessings Flow

UMH #94

Miriam Tong, Michelle Vaughan

*Prayer of Dedication

Barbara Nagaoka

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Rev. Karen and Friends

*Closing Hymn

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH #304, All verses

Miriam Tong, Michelle Vaughan

*Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

He Is Exalted

Miriam Tong

Passing of the Peace

Zoom Breakout Room

Dale Kaneko

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn



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Announcements

Special Charge Conference Meeting on Zoom • Thurs., May 1, 7pm

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 meeting.

Let's Recycle Potato Chip Bags as we commemorate Earth Day!

To continue our church track record of proper recycling and helping the earth one little step at a time, Arlene Naganawa and Dale H. Watanabe have a favor of you. We will begin a trial collecting used chip bags from social hour to recycle with our subscription to Ridwell.

Please put your bags in the box located in the social hall near the kitchen. If you have a subscription too and want to help out, please contact Arlene at arlene_naganawa@msn.com or Dale at seattledale@gmail.com – we are looking for at least one more that is on a different pick-up schedule!

Prayer and Coffee on Zoom • Wednesdays, 9am

Join Rev. Karen for prayer and community on Wednesdays at 9am on Zoom. Our time together consists of brief check-ins, devotionals, and prayers. Feel free to bring a cup of coffee, tea, and a bite to eat. Hope to see you on Wednesday. Contact Yuki or Rev. Karen for the Zoom link.

Seattle Japanese American Community Gathering @ LAC

May 3, 2:00PM-4:00PM

At this gathering, there will be discussions on connecting the history of Japanese American WWII incarceration to the current moment and united against mass detention and deportation. Please register at bit.ly/gathering_jac.

Mission Guatemala Meeting • May 4 after Worship

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

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



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: *The Vera Ing Community College/Trade School Scholarship, Robert and Lucy Sato Scholarship, Blaine Memorial Scholarship, and the Ted and Margaret Yasuda Scholarship.*

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. For more information, contact Michelle Vaughan, Scholarship Chair.



Beacon: Read Our Stories!

Pick up a few copies of the Beacon Newsletter for you and a friend! This resource is available in the narthex and social hall.

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, April 27, 2025:

Second Sunday of Easter

- Acts 5:27-32
- Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150
- Revelation 1:4-8
- John 20:19-31

Monday, April 28, 2025:

- Psalm 122
- Esther 7:1-10
- Revelation 1:9-20

Tuesday, April 29, 2025:

- Psalm 122
- Esther 8:1-17
- Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday, April 30, 2025:

- Psalm 122
- Esther 9:1-5, 18-23
- Luke 12:4-12

Thursday, May 1, 2025:

- Psalm 30
- Isaiah 5:11-17
- Revelation 3:14-22

Friday, May 2, 2025:

- Psalm 30
- Isaiah 6:1-4
- Revelation 4:1-11

Saturday, May 3, 2025:

- Psalm 30
- Genesis 18:1-8
- Luke 14:12-14



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

- Jennifer Lew • Nikki Palmer
- Quy Phi • 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

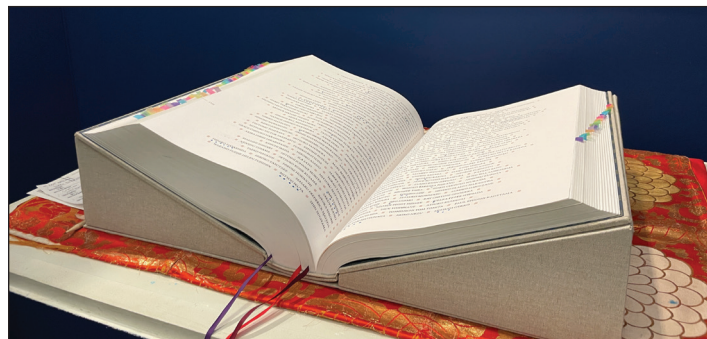
- We continue to pray for The United Methodist Church’s journey through a time of significant change as the Pacific Northwest Conference expresses a new way of district superintendency work in our future.

For our community, nation, and world

- During this Eastertide season, 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.
- Prayers as we grieve the death of Pope Francis, who passed away on Monday, April 21, 2025. We thank you for the gift of Pope Francis whom everyone loved and admired. Through his life and teaching, you showed us how to love and serve one another, how to hear the cries of the poor and the cries of the earth and respond in compassionate love.
- 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.



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

**“Currents: An Operetta” Discussion Panel
@ McMenamin’s Anderson School
May 7, 2025, 7pm (Doors open at 6pm)**

Join Gail Nomura and Shig Nishida in a discussion panel for “Currents: An Operetta”! The event is free, both you’ll need to register. Scan the QR Code for more info. All ages welcome!



Location:
McMenamin’s Anderson School
Haynes’ Hall
18607 Bothell Way NE
Bothell, WA

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.

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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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- **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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