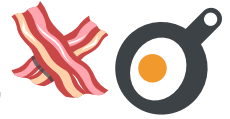


Worship

Worship with Blaine!

2 Today: Mission Guatemala Meeting
2 Mother's Day Breakfast 4 "Currents"



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How does your faith reflect the light of God?

- What does the story of Star Wars teach us about God's love, mercy, and forgiveness?
- How does the idea of "the Force" help us to understand God's ability to work in unexpected ways?
- How do you, as a congregation, live out your faith in a way that reflects the light of God, just as the Jedi carry the Light within them?

Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

What Does the Lord Require of You

TFWS #2174

Miriam Tong

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Call to Worship

Written by Rev. Jeremy Smith
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Mel Cooley

*Opening Hymn

Christ Has Risen

(TFWS #2115), All verses

Miriam Tong

*Opening Prayer

Mel Cooley

First Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) (CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Mel Cooley

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Second Scripture Reading

John 21:1-19 (CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Mel Cooley

Sermon

Witness

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Reflection

Cry of My Heart

TFWS #2165, All verses

Yuki Sofronas

Holy Communion

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

& Mel Cooley

Introduction to the Offering

Mel Cooley

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

Yuki Sofronas

*Prayer of Dedication

Mel Cooley

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Rev. Karen and Friends

*Closing Hymn

One Bread, One Body

UMH #620, All verses

Yuki Sofronas

*Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

Star Wars Themed Music

Yuki Sofronas and Anthony S

Passing of the Peace

Zoom Breakout Room

Dale Kaneko,

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Today's Flowers

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Announcements

Mission Guatemala Meeting • Today

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.

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. The Zoom link will be sent out Tuesday morning.

Mother's Day Breakfast • Sunday, May 11

Join us as we honor the women and those who identify as women at Blaine Memorial UMC on Sunday, May 11 from 8:30am-9:45am and then again, after worship. During this time, we will honor, remember, and show our love to our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins, wives, teachers, mentors, and all the women in our lives that have influenced and shaped us into the people who we are today.

Howard Nakase is looking for help by all men and those who identify as men at Blaine Memorial to prepare the breakfast beginning at 6am. Thank you to Howard Nakase for chairing this year's Mother's Day breakfast!



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.



Retreat: Refresh, Renew, Rejoice August 22-24, 2025

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...



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, May 4, 2025:

Third Sunday of Easter

- Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
- Psalm 30
- Revelation 5:11-14
- John 21:1-19

Monday, May 5, 2025:

- Psalm 121
- Ezekiel 1:1-25
- Acts 9:19b-31

Tuesday, May 6, 2025:

- Psalm 121;
- Ezekiel 1:26-2:1
- Acts 26:1-18

Wednesday, May 7, 2025:

- Psalm 121
- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Luke 5:1-11

Thursday, May 8, 2025:

- Psalm 23
- Ezekiel 11:1-25
- Revelation 5:1-10

Friday, May 9, 2025:

- Psalm 23
- Ezekiel 20:39-44
- Revelation 6:1-7:4

Saturday, May 10, 2025:

- Psalm 23
- Ezekiel 28:25-26
- Luke 12:29-32



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 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 the art and theater communities, as the National Endowment for the Arts withdrew and canceled grant offers to numerous arts organizations around the country on Friday night, sending a round of email notifications out just hours after President Trump proposed eliminating the agency in his next budget. We pray that God continues to bless the art community with unity, understanding, and mutual support. May artists and creatives continue to collaborate and inspire one another, creating a vibrant and thriving artistic landscape.
- 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 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.



**“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

**35th Annual ACRS Walk for Rice
@ Seward Park • June 28, 9:00 am**

This year ACRS will hold the Walk for Rice at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at Seward Park. Team Blaine raised over \$11,000 last year (2nd place) and this year’s fundraising goal is \$8,000. We’re off to a great start, but still have a way to go to reach our goal.

Help ACRS feed AAPI community members who are experiencing food insecurity by donating to and/or registering to walk with Team Blaine:

Donate Online through Team Blaine:

• <https://give.acrs.org/team/657467>

Mail your donation to the Blaine office:

• Checks to “Walk for Rice”, memo: “Team Blaine”

Thanks for your support! -Justine I., Team Captain

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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)

- **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.
- **Text:** Text BLAINE to 73256. Click the link you receive and follow the prompts.
- **Mail:** Mail a check to • Blaine Memorial UMC at 3001 24th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98144.

