

Worship

Worship with Blaine!

2 Today: Mother's Day Breakfast!

3 Thoughts & Prayers 4 Walk for Rice!



May 11, 2025 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • View blaineonline.org for this bulletin with Announcements



Fourth Sunday of Easter ♥ Mother's Day Sunday

Prelude

Shepherd Me, O God
Marty Haugen
Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Call to Worship

Stephen Sumida

*Opening Hymn

Holy Ground
TFWS #2272
Kathy and Eugene Onishi

Opening Prayer

Stephen Sumida

First Scripture Reading

Acts 9:36-43 (CEB)
Tsutomu Nagoya, Stephen Sumida

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Special Music

These Are The Things
Words by J. Paul Williams
Music by Daved Lantz III
Blaine Memorial Choir

Second Scripture Reading

John 10:22-30 (CEB)
Tsutomu Nagoya, Stephen Sumida

Sermon

Unsung heroes
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Special Music

Down to the Water to Pray
Arrangement by Pepper Choplin
Blaine Memorial Choir

Introduction to the Offering

Stephen Sumida

*Doxology

Praise God,
from Whom All Blessings Flow
UMH #94
Kathy Onishi

*Prayer of Dedication

Stephen Sumida

*Closing Hymn

The Summons
TFWS #2130, All verses
Kathy and Eugene Onishi

*Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

Lamb of God
Twila Paris
Kathy Onishi

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Today's Flowers

Sharon Maeda



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Sermon Questions

- What aspects of motherhood uniquely reflect God's love and care for us?
- How can we practically honor our mothers and the women in our lives who have nurtured us?
- In what ways can we learn from the wisdom and experiences of mothers, both those we know personally and those we read about in scripture?
- How does it mean to "follow" Jesus in our daily lives, and how can we discern Christ's will for us?
- How does this passage encourage us to trust in God's love and care, even when we face challenges and uncertainties?

Announcements

Mother's Day Breakfast • Today!

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. Thank you to Howard Nakase for chairing this year's Mother's Day breakfast!

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.

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 11, 2025:

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 9:36-43
- Psalm 23
- Revelation 7:9-17
- John 10:22-30

Monday, May 12, 2025:

- Psalm 100
- Ezekiel 37:15-28
- Revelation 15:1-4

Tuesday, May 13, 2025:

- Psalm 100
- Ezekiel 45:1-9
- Acts 9:32-35

Wednesday, May 14, 2025:

- Psalm 100
- Jeremiah 50:17-20
- John 10:31-42

Thursday, May 15, 2025:

- Psalm 148
- Ezekiel 2:8-3:11
- Revelation 10:1-11

Friday, May 16, 2025:

- Psalm 148
- Daniel 7:13-14
- Revelation 11:15

Saturday, May 17, 2025:

- Psalm 148
- Daniel 7:27
- Revelation 11:16-19



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

- Prayers of celebration for the newly elected Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Prevost in Chicago, Illinois, the first pope from the United States. Habemus papam! We pray that Pope Leo XIV be strengthened in his ministry. May he continue building bridges that connect us to one another. May he be an example of faith, hope and love. We pray that you give him joy in his ministry.
- 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 May birthdays and anniversaries!

For our United Methodist Church

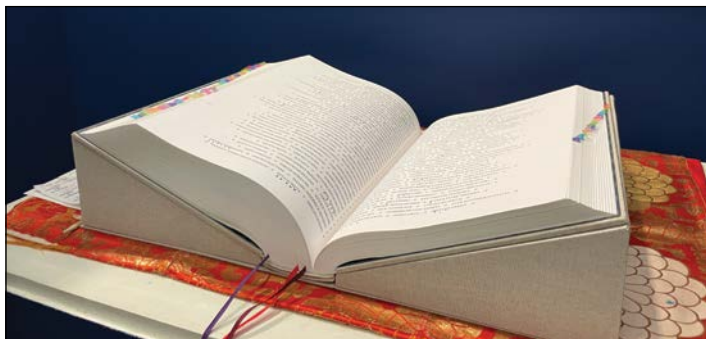
- We continue to pray for The United Methodist Church's journey through a time of significant change as the Pacific Northwest Conference expresses a new way of district superintendency work in our future.

For our community, nation, and world

- Prayers for the 11 people who were killed in Vancouver, British Columbia, when a car (the driver, later identified as Kai-Ji Adam Lo) rammed into a crowd celebrating Filipino heritage at the Lapu Lapu Day Festival. We continue to pray for the many who were injured during the incident. Prayers for the families who grieve the 11 people who were killed.
- 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. 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.
- 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.



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.

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.



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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Ways to Give "Every person must bring a gift in proportion to God's blessings upon you." (Deut. 16: 17)

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