

Worship

Worship with Blaine!

2 Coffee Wednesdays 3 Thoughts and Prayers

4 Walk for Rice: Support Team Blaine!

May 18, 2025 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • View blaineonline.org for this bulletin with Announcements



How important is it for us to love one another?

- What impression does it give others when they don't see love among believers?
- Over the years, how has the Christian world done in loving one another and being recognized as Jesus' disciples by our love?
- How can we make love a bigger part of your life?
- Where do you want to see Jesus' love in your life?
- What's practical ways you can love like Jesus?

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

As the Deer

By Martin J. Nystrom
Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Call to Worship

Donna Sekijima

*Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384
Kathy and Eugene Onishi

Opening Prayer

Donna Sekijima

First Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-6 (CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Donna Sekijima

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Special Music

No Greater Gift

By Ruth Elaine Schram
Blaine Memorial Choir

Second Scripture Reading

John 13:31-35 (CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Donna Sekijima

Sermon

Known By Your Love

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Meditation

The Gift of Love

UMH #408
Kathy and Eugene Onishi

Introduction to the Offering

Donna Sekijima

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94
Kathy Onishi

*Prayer of Dedication

Donna Sekijima

Announcements

Rev. Karen and Friends

*Closing Hymn

Let Us Be Bread (x2)

TFWS #2260
Kathy and Eugene Onishi

*Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

By Sebastian Temple
Kathy Onishi

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Zoom Fellowship Breakout Room

Rev. Jeney Park-Hearn, Dale Kaneko

Today's Flowers

Carol Kastrup



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Announcements

Final Sunday to pick up lost and found items in the Social Hall! • Today

Lost something? If you have misplaced any items while at the church, you can check the Lost and Found area. The Lost and Found is currently located on three tables in the Social Hall. Items of high value (such as iPhones, eye glasses, and car keys) are kept safely in the Church Office.

The Lost and Found items will be left out on the tables in the Social Hall until the end of day on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Afterwards, all unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill.

If you are looking for a specific item or have any questions, please call the Church Office at (206) 723-1536.

Let's Recycle Potato Chip Bags!

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!



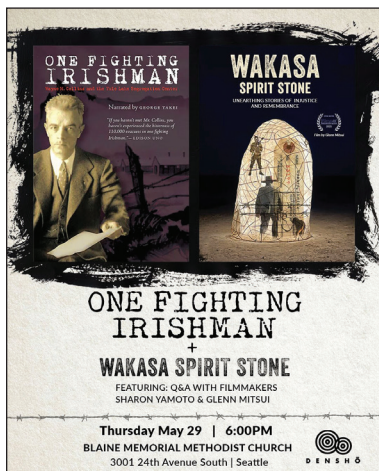
Prayer and Coffee on Zoom • Wednesdays, 9:00am

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.

Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) and NVC Foundation presents: 80th Annual Memorial Day Service @ Lake View Cemetery Monday (5/26), 10:00am - 11:00am

Each year, Blaine Memorial participates in the NVC Memorial Day service. This year, Rev. Karen will provide the Invocation and Bruce Yamamoto will provide the Christian Reflection. This will be the first year where Blaine Memorial UMC will present a wreath and our representatives will be Jerry Ikegami and George Yates.

Location: Lake View Cemetery, 1554 15th Avenue East, Seattle, WA



Special Film Screening: "One Fighting Irishman" Thursday (5/29) at 6:00pm

Join Densho and Sharon Yamato for a screening of "One Fighting Irishman" at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church on May 29, 2025 at 6:00PM.

The night will start off with Blaine Memorial UMC church member, Glenn Mitsui's short film, "Wakasa Spirit Stone". Stay after for a post-film Q&A with both filmmakers. Don't miss this powerful evening of film and reflection! Thank you to 4Culture and the Seattle Office of Arts & Culture for supporting this event!

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, May 18, 2025:

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 11:1-18
- Psalm 148
- Revelation 21:1-6
- John 13:31-35

Monday, May 19, 2025:

- Psalm 133;
- 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42;
- Acts 11:19-26

Tuesday, May 20, 2025:

- Psalm 133;
- 2 Samuel 1:4-27;
- Acts 11:27-30

Wednesday, May 21, 2025:

- Psalm 133;
- Leviticus 19:9-18;
- Luke 10:25-28

Thursday, May 22, 2025:

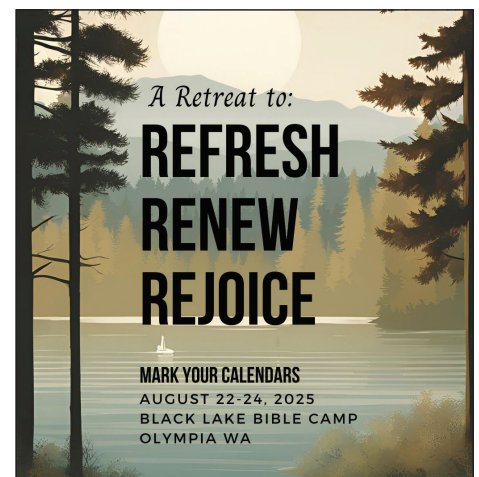
- Psalm 67;
- Proverbs 2:1-5;
- Acts 15:36-41

Friday, May 23, 2025:

- Psalm 67;
- Proverbs 2:6-8;
- Acts 16:1-8

Saturday, May 24, 2025:

- Psalm 67;
- Proverbs 2:9-15;
- Luke 19:1-10



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

We are bringing back the All-Church Camp Retreat! Please save the dates: August 22-24, 2025! Our campsite location will be in Olympia, WA. Please contact Harry Tang with questions.



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!

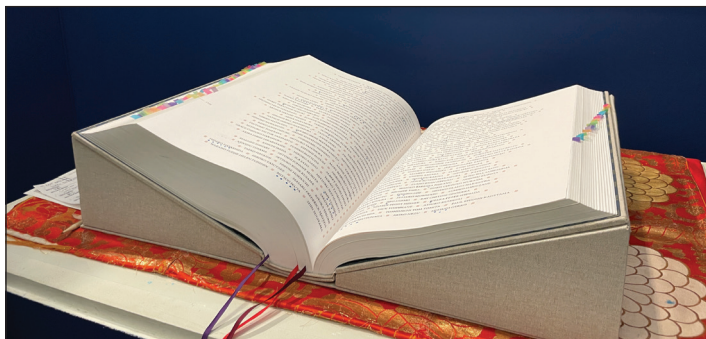
For our United Methodist Church

- 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.
- As the global church, we continue to pray that our message of hope continues to be shared far and wide, no matter what else is happening in our world.

For our community, nation, and world

- Prayers in the month of May, as we honor Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month. May we celebrate the rich cultural contributions and historical resilience of the AANHPI community, while also acknowledging past injustices and as we continue to advocate for equity and inclusion. We continue to be grateful for the diverse cultures and traditions, and we ask for protection and healing, and as we continue to seek guidance for creating a more just and inclusive society.

- Prayers for the three people killed and another person critically wounded in a shooting on May 17, in Pioneer Square.
- Prayers for everyone who is affected by the tornadoes that swept through areas of the Midwest. At least 25 people are reported to have died and dozens are injured after tornadoes tore through parts of Kentucky and Missouri.
- Prayers for the people who were injured and one person killed in Palm Springs, CA outside a fertility clinic from an explosion.
- Prayers for strength, wisdom, and resilience for small business owners facing challenges due to tariffs, including shifting trade policies, rising costs, and uncertain markets.
- Prayers for those whose livelihoods and well-being are affected by tariffs, including workers, retirees, families, and farmers.
- 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 for each person in leadership ... for those who are leading the United States of America, as well as in the United Methodist Church. Please lead and guide them to do what is good, noble, and right. Sway them from selfish motives and protect their hearts and minds as they make decisions for our nation and for our church.
- 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 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.



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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