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How can we practically apply the truth of the Ascension of Lord in our personal walk with Christ?

- · Can you think of several reasons why it's better to have the Holy Spirit inside you rather than Jesus beside you?
- How does the Spirit help you personally each day?
- · What advice would you give your younger self, or to future graduates?

Ascension and Graduation Sunday



Prelude

Gather Us In By Mary Haugen Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Land Acknowlegement

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Call to Worship

Kaylee Yokoyama

*Opening Hymn

God of Wonders

Worship and Song #3034 Blaine Memorial Praise Band

Opening Prayer

Kaylee Yokoyama

First Scripture Reading

Acts 16:16-34 (CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Marcus Corsilles

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Class of 2025 Graduates

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

High School Graduates

Annabelle Akiyama Joshua Akiyama Marcus Corsilles Emma Hearn Justine Ing Katelyn Nakase

College Graduates

Malia Yamamoto Sydney Mochizuki Joshua Santos Kobe Yamamoto Kaylee Yokoyama Michelle Yokoyama

Congregational Litany for Our Graduates

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Special Music

A Heritage of Hope and a Legacy of Love

By Sally DeFord Blaine Memorial Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:44-53 (CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Kaylee Yokoyama

Sermon

You are Witnesses

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Reflection

O Blessed Spring

TFWS #2076

Kathy and Eugene Onishi

Holy Communion

Rev. Karen Yokota Love and the BYG

Introduction to the Offering

Marcus Corsilles

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All **Blessings Flow UMH #94**

*Prayer of Dedication

Marcus Corsilles

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Closing Hymn

We Are God's People

TFWS #2220

Kathy and Eugene Onishi

*Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

We Are the Body of Christ

By Scott Wesley Brown and David Hampton; arranged by Tom Fettke Kathy Onishi

Today's Flowers

Carol Kastrup













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Announcements



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.



Church Clean Up Work Party @ Blaine Memorial UMC Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Just a reminder for anyone who is available on Saturday (6/7) morning to help clean up and spruce up Blaine Memorial. Planned events for the Work Party include cleaning all areas outside. We'd like to trim the hedges and remove the ivy on the buildings. People who are interested in working indoors, we'd like to clean the Sanctuary, the church pews, and the Social Hall windows. Please bring your tools to hedge and gloves. Please feel free to contact Ron Nobuyama with any questions or concerns.



Request for Potato Chips and Savory Treats

Thank you, everyone, for bringing in sweet and savory treats for our fellowship time on Sundays. We all enjoy them and are now running low. Please consider bringing in some of your favorite individually wrapped chips to share. Examples are potato chips, Doritos, Cheetos, etc. We appreciate your generosity.

You may drop the treats off in the social hall kitchen area on Sundays or during church office hours.

We are always in need of more helpers in the kitchen for our fellowship time and it's a great way to get to know others. Please see Julie Lock at jtlock00@gmail.com if you would like to be added to our rotation list. Thank you!

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, June 1, 2025:

Seventh Sunday of Easter

- · Acts 16:16-34
- Psalm 97
- Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- · John 17:20-26

Monday, June 2, 2025:

- Psalm 29
- Exodus 40:16-38
- Acts 16:35-40

Tuesday, June 3, 2025:

- Psalm 29
- 2 Chronicles 5:2-14
- · Acts 26:19-29

Wednesday, June 4, 2025:

- · Psalm 29
- Ezekiel 3:12-21
- Luke 9:18-27

Thursday, June 5, 2025:

- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Isaiah 32:11-17
- Galatians 5:16-25

Friday, June 6, 2025:

- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Isaiah 44:1-4
- · Galatians 6:7-10

Saturday, June 7, 2025:

- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- · 2 Kings 2:1-15a
- Luke 1:5-17





Scan the QR code to view the June 2025 calendar.

More Upcoming Events!

Visit and bookmark blaineonline.org to view upcoming events for the week and the latest calendar.



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 mourning the passing of loved ones:

• Thomas "Tom" Tanigawa, 94, a beloved church member, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2024. Tom was predeceased by his wife Edna (1981) and Kazuko (2024). He is survived by daughters Jane Sogge, Susan Merceri, Ellen Jones and son Dale Tanigawa, stepsons Richard, Dale and Alan Miyauchi, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A private graveside service was held at Sunset Hills Memorial Park in Bellevue, WA on Friday, May 30, 2025. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church.

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 around the world for each student who is graduating during this season! We thank you for our graduates and their accomplishments. May they find joy and fulfillment in their chosen paths, and may your blessings guide their steps in the years to come. Congratulations, Class of 2025!
- 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 June 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 as Blaine Memorial UMC participated in the Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) and NVC Foundation's annual Memorial Day service at Lake View Cemetery in Seattle on Memorial Day. Grateful for Bruce Yamamoto who provided the Christian Meditation. George Yates who presented a wreath, and Rev. Karen Yokota Love who provided the Invocation. We honored the Japanese American service members who died in various conflicts, including WWII, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and others. The service, held at the 22-foot Nisei War Memorial monument, is a tradition that continues to bring together families and veterans to remember and honor these fallen heroes. We continue to pray every day for brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, daughters and sons, friends and spouses, who lost their lives while wearing the uniform of our country.
- 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 in the United Sates of America. 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. 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.



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

Please make your donation directly to ACRS, as it will help Blaine keep track of how much we are earning collectively as a team! Thanks for your support!

Summer Church Retreat @ Black Lake Bible Camp

August 22-24, 2025!

Location:

Black Lake Bible Camp 6521 Fairview Road SW, Olympia, WA 98512 blbcolympia.com

Cost:

Whole weekend, includes 5 meals and 2 night accommodations:

- \$193 per person, ages 9 and up
- \$116 per child, ages 3-8
- · Free, children 2 and younger

Saturday Day Only Trip (meals included, no lodging):

Cost TBD

Contact:

- · Harry Tang @ 808-561-0184
- · Email: harrybills@gmail.com

Visit bit.ly/blaine-retreat-2025 or scan the QR code to pre-register by June 16, 2025 because we'd like to get a head count of those committed to attend. Visit blaineonline.org for more!



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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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Senior Pastor
Choir Director
Church School Superintendent
BYG Associate Director
Pianist
Office Assistant

Office Assistant Bookkeeper

Lay Leadership Team

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Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi
Ron Nobuyama
George Yates



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

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