

## ORDER OF WORSHIP:

*First Sunday of Eastertide*  
(\*those who are able, please stand)

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please read the parts in **bold.**)

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**People: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,** (1 Peter 1:3-4)

**All: Let us worship Our Risen Lord in spirit and truth.**

\*OPENING HYMN O Worship the King (vv. 1-4) #73

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Powerful God, you raised Jesus from the grave and then poured your life-giving Spirit out on the gathered disciples. Open our hearts now to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our lives, homes, schools and communities. Risen Christ, when we are afraid, we can become paralyzed in our fears, but your Spirit then touches us, bringing abiding love and security in your presence. Forgive us for our fears and all that blocks our lack of love for you and others. Refill us with your Holy Spirit that we may be your Church, extending love and grace to a world in need. We pray in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen. *(Silent prayers may be offered.)*

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

\*THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 16

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:14-24

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**"Holy Refreshment"**

Rev. Zebley

\*HYMN Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart #500

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\*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF WHOLENESS AND RENEWAL

The Lord's Prayer #895 (Please pray in your own language/tradition.)

\*HYMN All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #154 (vv.1-5)

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Zebley

### POSTLUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*April budget: ¥476,000

Received as of 4/12 : ¥174,048

\*for God's richest blessings on **April birthday folk** - Katherine Dillard (1st); Sara Hoskins (2nd); Oliver Rogers (3rd); Kazuko Sacon (12th); Anton Canales (16th); Tristan Bennett, Masako Kakuma (18th); Richard Ochoero, Brandon Rogers (19th); Renee Dillard (28th).  
*If your name is not on this list, please let Pastor know.*

## **WTUC Prayers of Celebration, Healing, Hope, and Mercy**

- \*Prayers of wisdom, strength and good decision-making for governments worldwide during the fear and uncertainty regarding the coronavirus. Prayers for all churches for wisdom and power. Prayers for love, power and a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7
- \*Prayers for the members of Second Harvest Japan, for their works to touch the lives of many in these difficult times who need food on their tables.
- \*Continued prayers of healing for Jim Sack, who recently had knee surgery and has returned home. Prayers for a continued good recovery, reduced swelling and low pain.
- \*Prayers for the families, churches and communities recovering from the recent tornadoes last weekend in the United States in the South and Midwest. Prayers of strength and restoration for those who have lost loved ones and property.
- \*Prayers for teachers, students and families during this time of school cancellations.
- \*Prayers for Frasia Ndungu and family as they continue to grieve the loss of her mother.
- \*Prayers for Malcolm Foster's mother, Phyliss who is experiencing blindness in one eye. Prayers for healing, protection and peace for all elderly parents of WTUC members.
- \*Prayers of continued strength and encouragement for Yoki Muro.
- \*Prayers for the youth in the congregation to continue to grow in spirit and numbers at WTUC, along with friends at ASIJ, CAJ and TUC. Prayers for the newly developing Tokyo Young Life Chapter and leaders, Megumi Sotherden and Kingsford Asare.
- \*Prayers of healing and support for Jane Gallagher, her husband, Chris and two sons.
- \*Prayers for Ron Carnahan's sister, Karen, as she recovers from surgery and continues with physical therapy. Prayers for thanksgiving that she has much more mobility. Prayers for continued healing, strength, and loving care-givers.

Thank you for joining us today via this Facebook Live broadcast! We pray you will experience God's love, grace and peace during this stressful time. For now, our worship services will be shifting to an online format until further notice. We appreciate your prayers and understanding. Feel free to contact us with prayer requests and general updates.

### **West Tokyo Union Church**

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## *West Tokyo Union Church*

*a church where all are welcome*



### **First Sunday of Eastertide April 19, 2020**

Ministers:	the people of West Tokyo Union Church
Pastor:	Rev. Christian Zebley
Liturgist:	Malcolm Foster
Organist:	Kazuko Sacon
Hospitality Coordinator:	Ann Tang
Prayer Coordinator:	Kayo Ozawa

#### **Steering Committee:**

Chair: Malcolm Foster; Membership: TBD; Member-at-large: Seme Nelson;  
Outreach Coordinator: Yasu Nagase; Pastoral Relations: Carol Sack; Secretary:  
Esther Yomoah; Treasurer: Mark Hisamatsu; Worship Coordinator: Betsy Terada;  
Youth/CE Coordinator: Ruth Ingulsrud