

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. (Psalm 23:1-3)

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

*OPENING HYMN All Creatures of Our God and King (vv. 1-5) #62

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elusive God, companion on the way, you walk behind, beside, beyond; you catch us unawares. Break through the disillusionment and despair clouding our vision, that, with wide-eyed wonder, we may find our way and journey on as messengers of your good news. We admit that even when you reveal Yourself to us in the midst of our fears and doubts that we still have trouble trusting your goodness and grace. Forgive us and refill us now with your Holy Spirit that we may be your faithful, trusting and loving people, extending care and grace to those around us. We pray in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ Our Saviour and Lord. 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

1 Samuel 16:6-13

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:24-31

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Believing Thomas”

Rev. Kist-Okazaki

*HYMN

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (sing 3x) #349

THE OFFERING:

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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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vv.1-4) #452

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Kist-Okazaki

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*April budget: ¥476,000

Received as of 4/19 : ¥209,048

*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 medical workers in Japan caring for those who have the coronavirus and others. Prayers for their protection and strength.
- *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.
- *Prayers for Jim Sack, who recently had knee surgery and has returned home. Prayers for a continued good recovery with a reduction in swelling and good pain management.
- *Prayers for the families, churches and communities recovering from the tornadoes in the US. Prayers of restoration for those who have lost loved ones and property.
- *Prayers for teachers, students and families during this time of school cancellations.
- *Prayers of endurance for families and individuals frustrated with home isolation.
- *Prayers for international students who have been unable to return to their home countries due to travel restrictions.
- *Prayers of protection and grace for elderly parents of members of our congregation.
- *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. Feel free to contact us with prayer requests and general updates on how you are doing.

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West Tokyo Union Church

a church where all are welcome



Second Sunday of Eastertide

April 26, 2020

Ministers:	the people of West Tokyo Union Church
Pastor:	Rev. Christian Zebley
Preacher:	Rev. Abraham Kist-Okazaki
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