

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

Easter Sunday
*(*those who are able, please stand)*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! (Luke 24:34)

A: Let us worship the Resurrected Christ in spirit and truth.

***OPENING HYMN** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (vv. 1-6) #302

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new through the work of your Spirit. Grant us to die daily to sin and fear, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen 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**

Jeremiah 31:1-6

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Surprised by Faith”

Rev. Zebley

***HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#384

THE OFFERING:

***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.)

***CLOSING HYMN**

Thine Be the Glory

#308

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Zebley

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*April budget: ¥476,000

Received as of 3/22 : ¥272,415

***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 Ocheró, 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.
- *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 Nashville, TN. 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 for Frasia Ndungu who has returned to Japan from Kenya after the funeral of her mother, Ann Neri Ndungu who died recently. Prayers of comfort and encouragement for her extended family.
- *Prayers for Malcolm Foster's mother, Phyliss who is experiencing blindness in one eye. Prayers for healing, comfort and peace in the aging process.
- *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 the Tokyo government allows unrestricted travel and encourages public gatherings. We appreciate your prayers and understanding. Feel free to contact us with prayer requests and general updates on how you are doing.

West Tokyo Union Church

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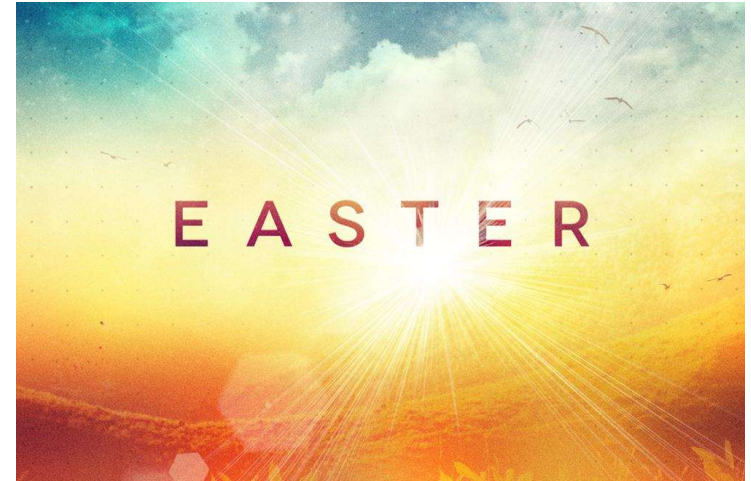
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Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 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