

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: Hosanna in the highest! (Psalm 118:26)

A: As people of living hope, let us worship God in spirit and truth.

*OPENING HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #278

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer by modern technology, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are reminded that Christ entered Jerusalem as a humble king in obedience and willing to suffer for our salvation. Forgive us when we allow our fears and anxieties to overwhelm us. Through your Spirit bring renewal, peace and comfort to your people. Remind us that united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph into the city not made by human hands, but rather in the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever and ever. In the Name of the Triune God, we pray. 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 Psalm 31:9-16

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

Thanks be to God.

SERMON **“The Humble King”** Rev. Zebley

*HYMN O Sacred Head, Now Wounded #286

THE OFFERING:

May we ask that you kindly retain your tithes and offerings for the time being. Should we need to continue holding our worship services online, we will create an online giving method, as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting WTUC!

*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 PROTECTION

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

*CLOSING HYMN Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart #160

*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 Ochero, 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, healing and the rebuilding process.
- *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.
- *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 updates on how you are doing.

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a church where all are welcome



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April 5, 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