

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**
(Psalm 23:5-6)

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

***OPENING HYMN** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vv. 1-5) #139

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety
through the valley of fear, anxiety and death. Forgive us when we
forget about your presence in our lives and rely on people and our
own accomplishments for our strength and security. Guide us by
your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous
feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you forever.
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**

Ezekiel 34:12-15

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:1-11

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Jesus Gate”

Rev. Zebley

***HYMN**

More Love to Thee, O Christ (vv.1-4) #453

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 PROTECTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #368

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Zebley

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*May budget: ¥476,000

April received : ¥224,048

***for God's richest blessings on May birthday folk** - Isaiah Sherrill (5th);
Malcolm Foster (6th); Max Loveman (9th); Joel Ingulsrud (17th); Makoto
Okuyama (20th); Carrie Bennett, Sophia Sherrill (29th). (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.
Prayers for all churches for wisdom, grace and power. 2 Timothy 1:7
- *Prayers for Carol Sack's friend in Canada, Patricia Hurdle who is facing end of life on May 7th. Prayers for the presence of Jesus, comfort and strength and for Philipp Gawthrop as he ministers to her through music.
- *Prayers of celebration and blessing for Carol's mother Miriam Manfred who turned 103 on May 1st! Prayers of protection and strength for her each day in Minnesota.
- *Prayers for Zenora and David Rackham as Zenora recovers from stomach surgery and David needs relief from back pain. Prayers for protection, healing and strength.
- *Prayers for the church finances. Prayers of praise that online giving now works!
- *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 teachers, students and families during this time of online learning.
- *Prayers of endurance for families and individuals in 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 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 for you to experience God's love, grace and peace during this stressful time. For now, our worship services will be shifting to an online format until public gathering is permitted. Feel free to contact us with prayer requests and general updates.

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West Tokyo Union Church

a church where all are welcome



Third Sunday of Eastertide

May 3, 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