

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:**

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

Leader: “Jesus said, You did not choose me, but I chose you.

**People: “And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.”** (John 15:16)

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

\*OPENING HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth (vv. 1-4) #92

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Living and gracious God, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you have brought us out to a spacious place where we are called to live as those redeemed. Forgive us when we doubt you. Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your Kingdom will come to fruition in glory. Empower us by your spirit to keep your commandments, that we may show forth your love with gentle word and kind deeds to all your people. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, Our 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

Psalm 66:8-2

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**“Walking in the Spirit”**

Rev. Zebley

\*HYMN

Trust and Obey

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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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Zebley

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*May budget: ¥476,000

Received by May 10: ¥160,640

\*for God’s richest blessings on **May birthday folk** - Isaiah Sherrill (5<sup>th</sup>); Malcolm Foster (6<sup>th</sup>); Max Loveman (9<sup>th</sup>); Joel Ingulsrud (17<sup>th</sup>); Makoto Okuyama (20<sup>th</sup>); Carrie Bennett, Sophia Sherrill (29<sup>th</sup>).  
(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 and power. 2 Timothy 1:7
- \*Prayers for the family of Patricia Hurdle, friend of Carol Sack, who passed away last week in Canada. Prayers for comfort and peace.
- \*Prayers for Jerri B, a friend of Renee Dillard's in the US being treated for renal failure. Prayers for healing and effective treatment.
- \*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 the families, churches and communities recovering from the tornadoes in the United States. Prayers of restoration and peace.
- \*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 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 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.

### **West Tokyo Union Church**

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# *West Tokyo Union Church*

*a church where all are welcome*



## **Fifth Sunday of Eastertide**

**May 17, 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