

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:**

**Pentecost Sunday**  
*(\*those who are able, please stand)*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

Leader: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has  
come upon you,

**People: “and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.”**  
(Acts 1:8)

**All: Let us worship the Risen Christ in the power of the  
Holy Spirit.**

\*OPENING HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #64

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost, you sent your Holy Spirit to  
the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel;  
empower us now we pray with the same Spirit to witness to your  
redeeming love and draw all people to you; forgive us when we turn  
to ourselves and others to give us the power only you can give us.  
Make us vessels of your forgiving love and grace. Please guide and  
strengthen us to be your Spirit-filled disciples who are the living  
stones of your Church in this time in history. We pray through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. 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

Joel 2:28-32

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-13

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-23

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**“Seeing is Believing”**

Rev. Zebley

\*HYMN

There’s a Spirit in the Air

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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

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

\*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#400

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Zebley

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*May budget: ¥476,000

Received by May 24: ¥215,600

\*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 for healing, justice and peace in Minneapolis and other cities in US in the wake of the tragic death of George Floyd this past week.
- \*Prayers for WTUC and other churches in Japan as they gradually prepare for public worship as the lock-down measures in Tokyo are lifted.
- \*Prayers for graduates of ASIJ. For Jacob Foster and Katherine Dillard. Praise for their accomplishments and prayers for guidance and grace as they prepare for college.
- \*Prayers of wisdom, strength and good decision-making for governments worldwide.  
Prayers for all churches for wisdom and power. 2 Timothy 1:7
- \*Prayers of encouragement and peace for the mother of Peter Reis who is struggling with loneliness and depression in her retirement facility in Sacramento, CA.
- \*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 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 for a continued good recovery from knee surgery.
- \*Prayers for teachers, students and families during this time of online learning for encouragement and relief from stress.
- \*Prayers of endurance and peace for families and individuals in home isolation.
- \*Prayers for international students who have been unable to return to home.
- \*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 and for Ann Tang as she serves as Youth Coordinator.
- \*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.

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## West Tokyo Union Church

*a church where all are welcome*



### Pentecost Sunday May 31, 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