

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:**

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

**Leader:** Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God  
so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

**People:** **“casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for  
you.”**

(1 Peter 5:6-7)

**All:** **Let us worship the Risen Christ in spirit and truth.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** Christ Is the World`s Light #188

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended  
far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Forgive us when  
we forget that he has not abandoned us. Through your Spirit renew  
our hearts and replenish us with faith, hope and love. Mercifully  
give us faith to trust, that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth  
to the end of time; through the same 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**

Psalm 68:1-10; 32-35

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**“Sent into a Certain Future”**

Dr. Wilson

**\*HYMN**

Lead On, O King Eternal

#580

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**

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

#163

**\*BENEDICTION**

Dr. Wilson

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*May budget: ¥476,000

Received by May 17: ¥170,080

**\*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 teachers, students and families during this time of online learning.
- \*Prayers of endurance and peace 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.

**Our Guest Preacher today: Dr. Andrew Wilson (PhD, Princeton Theological Seminary) is an adventurer, writer, polyglot, and teacher. His work has been featured in numerous Christian publications. Sent by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, he teaches Church History at Japan Lutheran Theological Seminary.**

### West Tokyo Union Church

Rev. Christian Zebley, Pastor

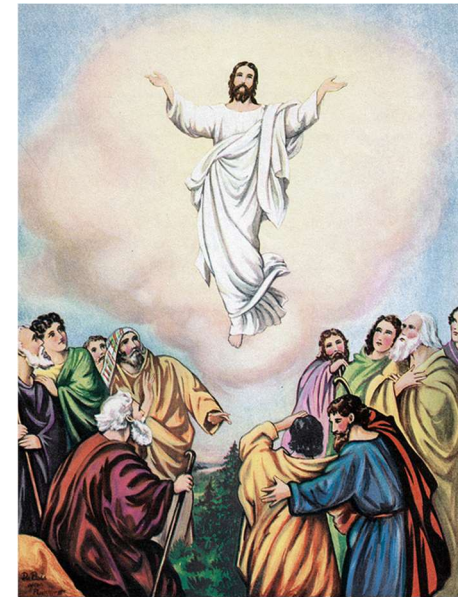
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# West Tokyo Union Church

*a church where all are welcome*



**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 24, 2020**

Ministers:	the people of West Tokyo Union Church
Pastor:	Rev. Christian Zebley
Preacher:	Dr. Andrew Wilson
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