

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:**

*September 13, 2020*

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

Leader: If we live by the Spirit, “let us also keep in step with the Spirit.”

**People: Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.** (Galatians 5:25-26)

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

\*OPENING HYMN All Things Bright and Beautiful #147

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dear Sovereign God, we come to you this morning as an exhausted and busy people often consumed with everyday living. We are fearful of so many things and forgetful of your gracious presence with us each day. As your disciples, you have called us to walk in the Spirit to grow “fruit” in the garden of our lives, that we might resemble Jesus more and more. Forgive us for our fears, weaknesses and sins. Help us to naturally share your love with our family, neighbors, friends and even our enemies. Fill us with your Spirit and guide us to be a source of wisdom, peace and love for others. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (via video)

Ruth Ingulsrud

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Fruit of the Spirit: Love”

Rev. Zebley

\*HYMN

The Gift of Love

#408

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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

#420

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Zebley

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*September budget: ¥476,000

As of Sept. 6, ¥95,000

\*prayers for God's richest blessings on **September birthday folk** - John Seevers (3rd); Ken Shimokawa (8th); Gene Urata (10th); Toshi Sasao (12th); Samantha Hoskins (24th); Shuichi Furukawa and Mark Hisamatsu (28th); Yuko Enai-Ochero (30th). (If your name is not on this list, please let Pastor know.)

## WTUC Prayers of Celebration, Healing, Hope, and Mercy

- \*Prayers for West Tokyo Union Church in our new 2020-21 Church Year. Prayers for our leadership, members, youth, children and friends of the congregation. May God guide, protect and bless us in this new year as we proclaim Christ in word and deed.
- \*Prayers for teachers, staff and students at ASIJ, CAJ, Japanese schools, and homeschoolers in the area.
- \*Prayers for the upcoming WTUC Youth Retreat at Lake Nojiri, September 19-21. That the youth will become closer with each other in Christ and God's Holy Spirit touches each of them in an individual way for growth and spiritual transformation of their lives. For the youth to learn responsibilities for themselves and others in a community to grow as young leaders. (Submitted by Ann Tang, Youth Coordinator)
- \*Prayers of blessing for Seme Nelson and Osman Gomez who completed their studies at ICU and have returned to South Sudan and Gambia, respectively.
- \*Prayers of encouragement and peace for the family of George Okweny, a friend of Zelda Sack, living in Northern Uganda, who passed away recently.
- \*Prayers of blessing and smooth transition for the Bennett and Dillard families that have moved to Hong Kong and returned to the US, respectively.
- \*Prayers for WTUC graduates Jacob Foster and Katherine Dillard as they begin their college studies in the US. Prayers for Emin Lee studying at Boston University.
- \*Prayers of wisdom, strength and good decision-making for governments worldwide. Prayers for all churches and church leaders for wisdom and power. 2 Timothy 1:7
- \*Prayers for teachers, students and families during this time of online and in-person classes for encouragement and relief from stress.
- \*Prayers of endurance and peace for families and individuals still in home isolation.
- \*Prayers for int'l students and others in Japan who have been unable to return to home.
- \*Prayers of protection and grace for elderly parents of members of our congregation.
- \*Prayers of strength and encouragement for Yoki Muro.
- \*Prayers for Ron Carnahan's sister, Karen, as she recovers from surgery and continues with physical therapy. Continued prayers for healing and increased mobility.

**Our worship services are now hybrid: in-person and online for Fall, 2020. You may worship online via WTUC's Facebook page. Please do not come to public worship if you feel sick or have a fever. We would ask that you also wear a mask, use hand-sanitizer and practice social distancing in the worship space.**

### West Tokyo Union Church

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## West Tokyo Union Church

*a church where all are welcome*



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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: TBD;  
Outreach Coordinator: Yasu Nagase; Pastoral Relations: Carol Sack; Secretary:  
Esther Yomoah; Treasurer: Mark Hisamatsu; Worship Coordinator: Betsy Terada;  
Youth/CE Coordinator: Ruth Ingulsrud