

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:**

**September 27, 2020**  
*(\*those who are able, please stand)*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

Leader: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give to you.

**People: Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them  
be afraid.** (John 14:27)

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

\*OPENING HYMN Crown Him with Many Crowns #327

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Dear Heavenly Father, we bless your Holy Name. Thank you for sending your Son Jesus Christ to bring us the gift of real and lasting peace. We admit that we often substitute the peace you give us for stress, worry and fear. Forgive us and lead us back to your saving love and protection. Help us to trade our idols of power, control, acceptance and comfort for the love, joy, hope and peace in being your disciples. As we follow Jesus, guide us to be messengers who have beautiful feet in preaching Good News. We lift up our world that is divided and afraid and ask your Holy Spirit to bring healing, hope and compassion through God's people in every nation. We pray these things in the precious Name of Jesus. 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

Isaiah 52:7-10

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Brian Byrd

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Fruit of the Spirit: Peace" Pastor Byrd

\*HYMN Turn, Your Eyes upon Jesus #349

THE OFFERING: <https://wtuc.net/donate>

\*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 It Is Well with My Soul #377

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Byrd

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*September budget: ¥476,00 As of Sept.20, ¥147,500

\*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 of thanksgiving for a wonderful WTUC Youth Retreat last weekend at Lake Nojiri! Prayers for continued growth of our youth in community, Biblical knowledge and love for God.
- \*Prayers of safety, protection, recovery and encouragement for many on the West Coast of the US coping with the fires. Prayers for those who have lost property and loved ones and the brave men and women fighting the fires and their families.
- \*Prayers of healing and recovery for Pastor Claudia Genung-Yamamoto of Kobe Union Church who recently broke her wrist and is now recovering from surgery.
- \*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 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 of endurance and peace for families and individuals still in home isolation.
- \*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 mobility.

We welcome Pastor Brian Byrd as our guest preacher today. Brian graduated from Yale Divinity School in 1984 and came to Japan that year as a missionary. He has been a member of the Seigakuin University Research Institute since 2003. He teaches English education for children at Seigakuin and Introduction to Christianity to college students at Aoyama Gakuin University. His two sons Ken and Joe attend CAJ. Brian also serves as a cooperating pastor at Redeemer Church of Roppongi.

**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
Preacher:	Pastor Brian Byrd
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