

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

September 6, 2020

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

Leader: Jesus said, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

People: for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (Matt 11:29)

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

*OPENING HYMN O Worship the King #73

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, you call the church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work that have you set before us; forgive us for our sins and weaknesses and at times, please forgive us for walking away from the power and transformation of your redemptive love; restore us to Your salvific presence, increase our faith, hope and love that we may receive all you promise 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

Psalm 138

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Zebley

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Going Deeper”

Rev. Zebley

*HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

#292

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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

#731

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Zebley

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*September budget: ¥476,000

*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 safety, peace and good learning in the year ahead both online and in-person.
- *Prayers of blessing for Seme Nelson and Osman Gomez who completed their studies at ICU and have returned to South Sudan and Gambia, respectively. We give thanks for their presence and contributions to the life of our congregation in the past two years.
- *Prayers of blessing and smooth transition for the Bennett and Dillard families that have moved to Hong Kong and returned to the US, respectively. We give thanks for their presence and faithful service in our midst.
- *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 learning for encouragement and relief from stress.
- *Prayers of endurance and peace for families and individuals in home isolation.
- *Prayers for int'l students and others in Japan who have been unable to return to home.
- *Prayers of continued protection and grace for elderly parents of members of our congregation.
- *Prayers for healing and recovery for George Okweny, a friend of Zelda Sack, living in Northern Uganda as he recovers from an allergic reaction to antibiotics.
- *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 will be hybrid for the time being. You may come to worship in person or worship online via WTUC's Facebook page. Please do not come to church 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. Thank You!

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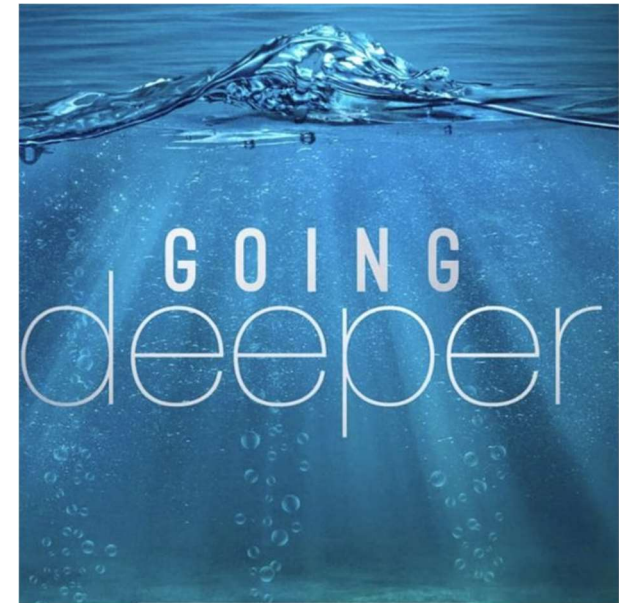
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a church where all are welcome



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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