

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

October 11, 2020

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

Leader: “And let us not grow weary of doing good,

People: for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

(Galations 6:9)

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

*OPENING HYMN All Creatures of Our God and King #62

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before you as a people who are in need of kindness. As we walk in today’s broken world, we see people opposing each other and divided by politics, culture, fear and bias. Forgive us when we do not see the image of God in other human beings. Forgive us when we quarrel and look for weaknesses in others. By your grace, renew our hearts in the joy and acceptance of your Gospel. Remind us that in Christ Jesus you look upon us with goodness and loving kindness. Teach us to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh. Use our lives to bless those around us with your love, mercy and hope. In the Name of Christ, Our Savior, we pray. 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

Psalms 14

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachel Oh

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Titus 3

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness”

Pastor Oh

*HYMN I Stand Amazed in the Presence

#371

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 Blessed Assurance

#369

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Oh

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*October budget: ¥476,00

Received as of 10/4: **¥86,000**

*prayers for God’s richest blessings on **October birthday folk** - Jonathan Sack (5th); Tony Canales, Julie Rogers (6th); Misae Urata (7th); Natalie Terada (15th); Katsuhiko Urata (17th); Betsy Terada (18th); Alec Ingulsrud, Elsa Ingulsrud (21st); Allie Rogers (24th). (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.
- *Prayers of healing for US President and Melania Trump as well as thousands suffering with the corona virus worldwide. Prayers for effective medical treatment, vaccines as well as willingness to follow safety precautions to end the pandemic.
- *Prayers of healing and rest for Joel Ingulsrud who will have treatment for an irregular heartbeat. Prayers for Ruth as she cares for him.
- *Prayers for the mother of Peter Reis who is in a nursing home in Sacramento, CA. Prayers for encouragement and strength as she is far from family and feeling isolated.
- *Prayer for the Goto family in Hawaii as they grieve the passing of their husband and father Arnold from heart failure. He served as the President of the Hawaii Baptist Foundation. He was a friend of Ron Carnahan who was able to visit him in Dec.
- *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 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 self-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. She can now walk 30 steps a day. Continued prayers for healing and increased mobility.

Our Guest Preacher Today: Jonathan is the Director and Chaplain of the Fuji Fellows program at Tokyo Union Church. He also serves as the coordinator for the Young Adults group as well. As a tentmaking missionary, Jonathan is an ordained minister with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and is working full-time as a meteorologist at NHK World-Japan. He is happily married to his wife and partner, Rachel. Rachel was called to Japan as an English teacher and has lived in Japan for almost 10 years. She is currently working on curriculum development at a private Christian high school in Chiba Prefecture.

West Tokyo Union Church
Rev. Christian Zebley, Pastor

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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
Preacher:	Rev. Jonathan Oh
Children's Sermon:	Rachel Oh
Liturgist:	Betsy Terada
Organist:	Kazuko Sacon
Hospitality Coordinators:	Akiko Nishida and Ann Tang
Youth 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