ORDER OF WORSHIP:

October 18, 2020

(*those who are able, please stand)

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

Leader: "For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, **People:** and his faithfulness to all generations." (Psalm 100:5)

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

*OPENING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

#77

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God of eternal goodness and grace, we come before you today acknowledging that our world is in desperate need of your love and goodness. We see so much hurt and division between others. We see poverty, war and people struggling with emptiness. We admit that we often do not treat others the way we would like to be treated. Forgive us. Restore us in your loving presence. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may look more and more like You. Empower us to be agents of goodness to the people around us. Draw us to the source of real and lasting goodness that we can only find in Your Son and Our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His Mighty Name, 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

Psalm 145:1-9

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ruth Ingulsrud

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Romans 5:14-21

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness"

Pastor Zebley

*HYMN

Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love

#432

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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN

To God Be The Glory

#98

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Zebley

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*October budget: ¥476,00

Received as of 10/11: ¥350.000

*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.
- *For Ann Tang and her family as they remember her loving father, Mr. Lung Chiew Tang who passed away this past week in Malaysia. Prayers of strength and comfort during this time of mourning and celebrating his life.
- *Prayer for unity, peace and protection for the US in this election season.
- *Prayers of healing for thousands suffering with the corona virus worldwide. Prayers for effective medical treatment, vaccines as well as willingness to follow safety precautions to bring the pandemic to an end.
- *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 December.
- *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 for 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 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. She can now walk 30 steps a day. Continued prayers for healing and increased mobility.

Thank you for joining us for worship today at WTUC. Our services are hybrid this Fall, in-person and online via the Facebook link below. If you have a prayer concern, please be in touch with us.

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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