

Upcoming Dates:

- May 11 Stewardship Saturday from 10am-12noon. Please come to help out with gardening and cleaning up the church. See Jeff Canaday for more info.
- May 12 Festival of the Christian Home/Mother's Day
- May 18 Decorate the church sanctuary for Pentecost from 11:30am.
- May 19 is Pentecost Sunday Celebration. It is the birthday of the Christian church so let's celebrate!
 - For worship, we will have a special music, a liturgical dance and scripture reading in different languages.
 - Please wear clothes with some of the colors of fire such as red, orange, yellow to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit (or blue to represent wind).
 - If you can, for fellowship time after service, please bring some finger food to share in these colors: red, orange, yellow (e.g. rice crackers, cheese, carrot sticks, strawberries, apples, bananas, tortilla chips, potato chips, cookies, cherries, croissants, red velvet cake, etc.) Chef Kenny will make some dry curry for lunch.
- May 19 Wind Christian Music Concert, 2pm. Invite your friends!

YUC Weekly Schedule:

- Monday Parents and Toddler's Group 9:00-10:00 am
- Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom) 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- Thursday Theology Discussion Group on (Zoom) 8:00pm-9:15pm
- Saturday (Zoom) Bible Study (Bilingual) 9:00am-10:00am
- 2nd and 4th Saturday (Zoom) Bible study (English) 11:00am
- 2nd Thursday and 4th Friday Women Bible Study (English) 8:30 -9:30am

Monthly Activities:

- *Online Devotion and Prayers 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8:00pm-9:00pm*
- *Recorder Group Practice 1st Sunday after Fellowship Time*

Yokohama Union Church was founded in 1863 and is an ecumenical and international congregation of English-speaking Christians. The word "union" is used to indicate the membership is composed of Christians from many churches and nationalities who are united through a common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Yokohama Union Church is independent and financially Self-supporting. It is a member of the National Christian Council in Japan. Everyone is welcome.

YUC Website: <https://yokohamaunionchurch.org/>

Offering Information:

In-person and online options for offering are available at Yokohama Union Church. See Mike Magee for offering envelopes or feel free to use the direct deposit option with Bank of Yokohama.

Bank: Yokohama Bank / 横浜銀行

Branch: Motomachi 元町支店

Type of account: Ordinary Account number: 1150200



YOKOHAMA UNION CHURCH

May 5, 2024 10:30

6th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

Piano Music Calls Us to Worship (*Please be in silent prayer*)

Words of Welcome

Prelude:

(Please be in quiet meditation as the acolyte lights the altar candles.)

Call to Worship: (*please stand*)

Leader: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song.

People: Let our joy be complete!

Leader: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song

People: Let us love one another!

Leader: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song.

People: No longer servants but friends!

Leader: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise.

All: Rejoicing in the friendship of God. Amen.

Opening Hymn #137: (*remain standing*) "Worthy of Worship"

Prayer of Confession: (*in unison*)

Father, what an amazing thing that we are called a "friend of Yours." We thank you that you raised us up and placed us in this community of faith to grow together, and make this church a reflection of your kingdom. Yet, we confess all is not well with the way we live. Please forgive us for the occasions when we fail to love you as you love, when we push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom, when we fail to trust you, when being content to wander instead of growing and bearing the fruits of love which are our true purpose and joy. For your Name's sake. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Jesus said to his disciples. "I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from God. You did not choose me, but I chose you!" Jesus speaks the same words to us today. Jesus forgives us and chooses us to be his friends. Sharing his great work of love. Hallelujah!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Welcome to Our Guests in Worship:

We welcome everyone to YUC this morning. If there is anyone worshipping with

us for the first time or has not been to YUC in a long time, please stand up and introduce yourself by saying your name and where you are from. Please also fill out the welcome cards and drop them in the offering bag.

Passing of the Peace:

Leader: We have received the peace of God through the Gospel. Let us now share it as a sign of our love and unity in Christ. The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Pass the peace of Christ with one another by saying "Peace be with you."

Children's Time:

(Refrain of "Jesus Loves Me" played as children come forward, played the same as children return to their seats.)

Scripture Readings: *John 15:14-70*

English: Jeff Canaday; *Japanese:* Touma Yamamori

Leader: May God bless our reading for today.

All: Thanks be to God, Amen!

Hymn of Preparation #492: *"Spirit of the Living God" (please remain seated)*

Message: *"Who is Your BFF?"*

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology #34: *(please stand)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen!

Offertory Prayer

Celebration of Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Closing Hymn #473: *(please stand) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Benediction: *(remain standing)*

Postlude:

(Please be in quiet meditation as the acolyte takes out the light of Christ.)

Those Serving Today:

Ministers: All of us at YUC
Pastor: Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto
Preacher: Ptr. Debbie Umipig-Julian
Liturgist: Satoko Suzuki
Pianist: Lydia Leung
Scripture Readers: Jeff Canaday and Touma Yamamori
Children's Time: Alisha Yamamori
Fellowship Time: Michiko Okuhara and Masako Takeda
Communion Bread: Miho Asano
Zoom Support: Miho Asano, Mitsuhiro Irie

Upcoming Announcements:

- Update on Yokohama Christian School by Alisha Yamamori, Head of Yokohama Christian School.
- For those interested in becoming members of YUC or in getting baptized, please talk to one of the pastors.
- Food Bank at Uenomachi Church: Please bring donations of non-perishable food to support those in need. Leave in box by church entrance.
- Prayer Box on the table in church entrance. You may fill out slips of paper with any prayer requests or email prayers@yokohamaunionchurch.org.
- We have a few YUC t-shirts to sell in various sizes for 1500 yen. See Ayako Maenosono if interested.
- You can find the Zoom links are in the YUC Email Newsletter or on the YUC website.
- If you are not receiving the YUC newsletter, let us know and we will add you.
- May 9 -17 Pastor Claudia will be in the US. Contact Pastor Debbie for any pastoral needs.

Scripture for Next Sunday: *Ephesians 6:1-3*

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Scripture readers needed for upcoming worship services. See Yoriko Canaday.
- Sign up to be an usher or liturgist. See Pastor Debbie.
- Sign up to bring snacks for Fellowship time after worship. See Ayako Maenosono.
- Help with church repairs. See Jeff Canaday and Kenny DaSilva.

Sunday Schedule:

- Children's Sunday School 9:15am-10:00am
- Adult Sunday School 9:15am-10:00am
- Pre-worship Prayer Time 10:05am-10:20am
- Sermon Discussion and Prayer 12:00-12:30