



Order of Worship

**Those who are able, please stand*

Words of Welcome:

Prelude: “Morning Has Broken” Lydia Leung, pianist

(Please be in quiet meditation as the acolyte lights the candles representing the Light of Christ.).

*Call to Worship:

(please stand) Liturgist: Aurora Murabayshi

Leader: Come and sit at the feet of Jesus, for He invites us to find rest in His presence.

People: We come, setting aside our worries and distractions, ready to listen and worship.

Leader: Whether we come busy like Martha or quiet like Mary, God welcomes us with open arms.

People: We bring our whole selves—our work, our questions, our prayers.

We are here to hear God’s Word and be renewed.

Leader: So come, beloved of God, let us worship the Lord with gladness and gratitude.

All: We are here, O God. Speak, and we will listen.

Lead, and we will follow. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** “Kirisuto no Heiwa” 3xs (see insert) *(translation: May the peace of Christ dwell in our hearts and throughout the whole wide world.)*

Kirisuto no Heiwa ga

Watashitachi no Kokoro no

Sumizumi ni made yuki watarimasu youni

Prayer of Confession: *(inspired by Luke 10: 38-42)*

Lord Jesus, We confess that we are often distracted and busy, forgetting to sit at Your feet and listen. Forgive us. Renew our hearts and refocus our lives, that we may choose what is better and draw closer to You. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Pastor: God loves us and forgives us. God's Holy Spirit is our guide and strength. May our lives be shaped by listening to you, Jesus; the goodness of our lives be shaped by love for you; and the service of our lives be shaped by a humility like yours. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Welcome to Our Guests in Worship:

We welcome everyone to YUC this morning. If there is anyone who has not been here before 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: The Peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please pass the peace of Christ with one another by saying, "The Peace of the Lord be with you."

Children's Message: Alisha Yamamori and ARI friends

("Jesus Loves Me" played as children come forward; played again as children return to their seats.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:38-42

English: Ai Shibata Japanese: Katsuhiro Shibata

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Readers: May God bless our scripture reading for today.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon: "Balancing Christian Life" Jeremiya Narzary

Hymn of Reflection: #357 "Knowing You" vs. 1 and 2.

Tithes and Offerings / Special music: "Offertory Fumi Ohfuma, guitar. "As the Deer"

***Doxology: #147**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Prayers of the People *(Today we will respond between each petition.)*

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
Congregation: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer: *(please say in your own language or tradition or use this one below.)*

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.

Holy Communion Communion Celebrant: Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto
Communion Servers: Miho Kobayashi, Ayako Maenosono, Jeremiya Narzary

*Closing Hymn: #426 "Blessed Assurance" (all verses)

Benediction:

Postlude: "Surrender All" Lydia Leung, pianist
(Please be in quiet meditation as the acolyte takes out the light of Christ to the world.)

THOSE SERVING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ministers: The people of YUC

Pastor: Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto

Fellowship Preparation and Ushers: Satoko Suzuki/ Jessie Dang

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome today's preacher: Jeremiya Narzary, field supervisor-cum-trainer, natural farming from Asia Rural Institute. There is more information about Jeremiya on the bulletin board and table in the entrance. Please pick up a brochure to read more about ARI, or look at our bulletin board in the hallway. Rev. Toshimasa Yamamoto is the chair of ARI Board of Directors. May 10 is Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home. Pastor Claudia preaching. Scriptures: Deuteronomy 32:1; Psalm 91: 3b-4. Bring finger food to share for fellowship time.

Offering Information:

"...for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7

In-person and online options for offering are available at Yokohama Union Church. See Jeff Canaday or Michael 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/普通口座 **Account number:** 1150200

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self-supporting; it is an associate member of the National Christian Council in Japan (NCCJ).

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