



Yokohama Union Church

June 1, 2025

Order of Worship

**Those who are able, please stand*

Words of Welcome:

Prelude: “*My Jesus, I Love Thee*” Yoko Irie, pianist
(Please be in quiet meditation as the acolyte lights the candles representing the Light of Christ.).

***Call to Worship:** (inspired by Psalm 5) *(please stand)* Liturgist: Koichi Fukukita

L: People of God, raise your voices in praise to God!

P: God takes delight in our presence here.

L: We come trusting in the steadfast love and protection of God.

P: Come, let us rejoice and sing for joy!

All: For God is surely in this place! Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn:** “*Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*” #656 *(please stand)*

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways that lead to glory. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Pastor: Hear the Good News! Christ died for our sins and in the name of Jesus Christ, we 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: We have received the peace of Christ through the Gospel. We now share it with one another as a sign of our love and unity in Christ. 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 Time: Josh Juian

Scripture Reading *Psalms 5:11-12* English: Lu Gao, Japanese: Miho Asano

¹¹ But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them,
so that those who love your name may exult in you.

¹² For you bless the righteous, O LORD;
you cover them with favor as with a shield.

Readers: May God bless our scripture reading for today.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon: "Canopy of God's Favor" Rev. Debbie Umipig-Julian

***Hymn Response:** (*please stand*) "*Pass It On*" #557 verse 1

Tithes and Offerings / Special music: “You Raise Me Up” piano solo

***Doxology #147**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering:

Prayers of the People: Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto

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:

Celebrants: Revs. Claudia, Debbie Umipig-Julian, Ronald Julian; LEM: Alisha Yamamori

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up our hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Words of Institution: Rev. Claudia

Prayer: Eternal God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that Christ may be present as we share this meal. Bless this bread and cup and bless us, that we may share this abundant feast in the presence of Jesus.

(We welcome all to the Lord's Table in their journey of faith with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When we partake of Communion together the Holy Spirit puts us into communion with Christ and with one another as members of his body. The word 'communion' comes from the ancient Greek word koinonia meaning 'fellowship.' As a union church representing many church traditions, we honor the diverse beliefs and practices of our members and guests. Some of you may choose not to receive Communion but receive a blessing instead. Please fold your arms across your chest and one of us serving communion will bless and pray for you. Before you partake of Communion, repent of any sins and ask God to create in you a clean heart.)

Today we will start communion with those in the back row coming forward first.)

Prayer after Communion: Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in this holy feast. May we know the presence of Jesus among us. Take us from this table, raised and restored, ready not to be served but to serve, in the power of the Spirit. **People: Amen.**

***Closing Hymn:** “Spirit Song” #347

Benediction:

Postlude: “Just as I Am” Yoko Irie, pianist (*The acolyte takes out the light of Christ to the world.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to others who helped with our service today. Communion Bread Miho Kobayashi Ushers and Fellowship: Michiko Okuhara and Etsuko Fukuoka

June 8: Next week’s preacher: Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto **Scripture: Acts 2:1- 6**
Next Week Testimony during Worship: Jessie Dang

June 15 (Father’s Day) our guest preacher will be Kohichi Tamura of Noukendai Bible Fellowship

June 8 is Pentecost - wear fire colors (red, orange, yellow) to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit or blue to represent the wind of the Holy Spirit (or blue flame). Also bring “red, orange, yellow” colored food for our fellowship time. (e.g. rice crackers, cheese, tortilla chips, apples, bananas, strawberries, etc.) Read all of Acts 2 before the service in preparation.

Pastor Claudia needs volunteers to read Acts 2:3-4 in another language during worship. So far we have Japanese, Cantonese, Mandarin, German, Tagalog, Korean and French.

Last week’s in person offering Information: ¥93,354

Attendance Last Week: total 52 (45 adults, 7 children)

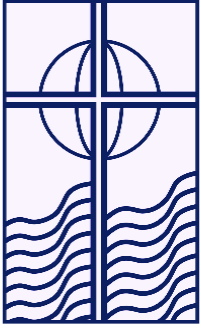
“...for God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

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