



Yokohama Union Church

Father's Day June 15, 2025

Order of Worship

**Those who are able, please stand*

Words of Welcome:

Prelude: "All Glory Be to God on High" Miho Kobayashi, piano

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

***Call to Worship (Psalm 68:4-5, 19):** Liturgist: Alisha Yamamori

Leader: Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,

People: Rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.

Leader: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

All: Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

***Opening Hymn:** "This is My Father's World" #21 (all verses) please stand

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

God, too often we only want our way or no way instead of your way. Have mercy upon us when we turn from you. Forgive us when we do not realize your fatherly love and direction for us. We pray this through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen. (moment of silent reflection)

Words of Assurance:

Pastor: God loves us and sent us Jesus Christ to atone for our sins. 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 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: Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto and Alisha Yamamori
(*"Jesus Loves Me" played as children come forward; played again as children return to their seats.*)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:14-16 **English:** Ai Sugano **Japanese:** Chihiro Nakai

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

マタイによる福音書/ 05 章 14 節-16 節

14 あなたがたは世の光である。山の上にある町は、隠れることができない。15 また、灯をともして升の下に置く者はいない。燭台の上に置く。そうすれば、家にあるすべてのものを照らすのである。16 そのように、あなたがたの光を人々の前に輝かせなさい。人々が、あなたがたの立派な行いを見て、天におられるあなたがたの父を崇めるようになるためである。」

Reader: May God bless our scripture reading for today.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon: "Remembering our Heavenly Father on Father's Day"
Pastor Kohichi Tamura, Noukendai Bible Fellowship

Hymn Response (please remain seated): "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words and Music by Stuart Townend

E F#m E/G# A E/G# C#m B

How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas-ure,
Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my guilt up - on his shoul - ders.
I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'rs, no wis - dom,

4 E F#m E/G# A E/B B E

that he would give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his treas - ure!
A - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - mong the scoff - ers.
but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his death and res - ur - rec - tion.

7 E/G# C#m B A E/G# C#m B

How great the pain of sear-ing loss, the Fa - ther turns his face a - way
It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished.
Why should I gain from his re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer,

10 E F#m E/G# A E/B B E

as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry!
His dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
but this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som!

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Tithes and Offerings / Special music: “*We Shall Behold Him*”
Yoriko Canaday, piano Michiko

***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:

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.

***Closing Hymn:** “*Faith of Our Fathers*” #530 verses 1 and 2 (*please stand*)

***Benediction:** (*remain standing*)

Postlude: “*You’re the Word of God the Father (Across the Lands)*”
Kohichi and Shirley Tamura
(*The acolyte takes out the light of Christ to the world.*)

Introduction of Kohichi and Shirley Tamura:

Kohichi and Shirley Tamura are from Seattle, WA and have lived in Japan for over 30 yrs. Kohichi works for a technology company, and Shirley has worked in education at the high school and university levels. Their three daughters were born and raised in Japan and now live in Seattle, where they work or attend college/university. Kohichi and Shirley have been involved in church planting during their entire time in Japan. In 2001, they worked with missionaries from TEAM Japan to plant the Noukendai Bible Fellowship (NBF) in the Kanazawa Ward of Yokohama. NBF is now in its 25th year, and is a lay-led church that meets every Sunday in the Noukendaideri Chonaikaikan. Information about NBF can be found at the link below.
<https://noukendaibible.org/>

THOSE SERVING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Special thanks to Kohichi and Shirley Tamura for preaching and singing today. Also, thank you to others who helped with our service today.

Ministers: All of us at YUC.

Usher and Fellowship: Alisha Yamamori, Usher: Yukie Takahashi, Fellowship: Lydia Leung

Zoom Remote Support: Miho Asano and Mitsuhiro Irie (1st and 3rd Sundays)

YUC Board Members: Michael Magee, Jeff Canaday, Fumi Ohnuma, Jessie Dang, Ran Oji, Ayako Maenosono

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✧ Please donate snacks for our Sunday School children's snack time. Also snacks donated for Fellowship time are appreciated as well.
- ✧ Food Bank at Uenomachi Church: Please bring donations of non-perishable food.
- ✧ Today : YUC Church Board meets at 12:30pm
- ✧ June 22: Pastor Claudia preaching and Riki Morohashi giving a testimony
Scripture: June 22 Jeremiah 24:7, Acts 17:28
- ✧ June 22: Join Xue in planting roses and hydrangeas after worship on June 22. If it rains, the event will be rescheduled for June 29.
- ✧ June 29: Rev. Daniel Matsunaga, Assembly of God missionary preaching. Sunday School lunch after church for the SS children and their parents.
- ✧ July 13: Rev. Toshi Yamamoto's Christian Seminar in Japanese will be after worship from 12:15pm. 山本牧師のキリスト教セミナー（日本語）は、7月13日の礼拝後12時15分から開催されます。
- ✧ Pastor Claudia will be on her missionary home assignment from July 3 to August 26. You can reach her through her email or text her if you need prayers. (Toshi will join Claudia in the US mid-July)
- ✧ Thanks to your support, we raised 296,392 yen at the Spring Fair! The funds will go toward installing safe artificial turf in the YCS downstairs playground, creating a better space for our children. Installation is planned before Summer School begins. Thank you for making this possible!

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

Donate via Credit Card: goyuc.com/give

On Sunday June 8, 2025 we received 67,869 yen for our in-person worship offering.
Attendance: total 54 (44 adults, 10 children)

YOKOHAMA UNION CHURCH is a church where all are welcome. YUC 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 an associate member of the National Christian Council in Japan (NCCJ).

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

