



Yokohama Union Church

2nd Sunday after Pentecost June 22, 2025

Order of Worship

**Those who are able, please stand*

Words of Welcome:

Prelude: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #68 Lydia Leung, piano
(Please be in quiet meditation as the acolyte lights the candles representing the Light of Christ.).

***Call to Worship (Acts 17:28):** Liturgist: Etsuko Fukuoka

Leader: Come, all who seek the living God— For in Him we live and move and have our being.

People: We are God's children, created in love and sustained by grace.

Leader: Let us draw near with hearts open to His presence, and lives ready to be shaped by His Spirit.

People: With gratitude and awe, we come to worship the One in whom we find our life, our purpose, and our hope.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God— for in Him we live and move and have our being!

***Opening Hymn:** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #473 (verses 1 and 2) please stand

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Merciful God, We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us.

Cleanse us and renew a right spirit within each of us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*moment of silent prayer and reflection*)

Words of Assurance:

Pastor: Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). 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: Jeremiah 24:7; Acts 17:28**

English: Michiko Okuhara **Japanese:** Masaki Tokuda

7 I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.

28 For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.

エレミヤ書/ 24 章 07 節

そしてわたしは、わたしが主であることを知る心を彼らに与える。彼らはわたしの民となり、わたしは彼らの神となる。彼らは真心をもってわたしのもとへ帰って来る。

使徒言行録/ 17 章 28 節

皆さんのうちのある詩人たちも、／『我らは神の中に生き、動き、存在する』／『我らもその子孫である』と、／言っているとおりです。

Reader: May God bless our scripture reading for today.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Testimony: Riki Morohashi**Hymn Response** (please remain seated): "Because He lives" #447 verses 1**Sermon:** "Living in Him" Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto**Hymn:** (please remain seated): "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #344 verses 1 and 4

Tithes and Offerings / Special music: *“How Great Thou Art”*
violin Kenji Kondo, piano Yoko Irie

***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**(please stand): *“Blessed Assurance”* #426 all verses

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

Postlude: *“Knowing You”* # 357 Lydia Leung, piano
(The acolyte takes out the light of Christ to the world.)



THOSE SERVING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ministers: All of us at YUC.

Usher and Fellowship: Tian Ma and Xue Zhong, Usher: Miho Asano

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✧ **Today :** YUC Board meeting will be held at 12:30 PM.
- ✧ **Today :** Stewardship Sunday. Help clean the church today! Jeff will tell you what needs to be done.
- ✧ **Today :** Join Xue in planting roses and hydrangeas after worship. Join her!
- ✧ **June 29:** Last day of Sunday School until September 7th. Sunday School pizza lunch after church for the SS children and their parents.
- ✧ **June 29:** Rev. Daniel Matsunaga, Assembly of God missionary preaching. Scripture: Luke 15:1-10
- ✧ **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。
- ✧ Food Bank at Uenomachi Church: Please bring donations of non-perishable food.
- ✧ Prayers: Feel free to pray in small groups after church in the sanctuary, prayer room, or the back room. You may also request prayer from Pastor Claudia, anyone on the church board or long time members.
- ✧ 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) If there is a pastoral emergency, Toshi will be available until mid-July. You may also contact our church Board Chairperson, Michael Magee at yuc.chair@yokohamaunionchurch.org

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 15, 2025 we received 83,852 yen for our in-person worship offering.
Attendance: total 39 (34 adults, 5 children), On Zoom: 6

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/>

