



# Yokohama Union Church

Festival of the Christian Home / Mother's Day  
May 11, 2025

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## Order of Worship

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*\*Those who are able, please stand*

### Words of Welcome:

**Prelude:** “Softly Tenderly” piano: Michiko Okuhara

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

**\*Call to Worship**(based on themes from Psalm 139): *(please stand)* Liturgist: Yuhee Lee

Leader: We've come to worship God, who loved us before we were yet born,

**People: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,**

Leader: whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases.

**People: This is our God.**

**All: Let's worship together!**

**Opening Hymn:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #59 (all verses)

### Prayer of Confession:

In Spite of our failures and sin, we trust in Your power to transform our lives.

Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord Jesus, So that our lives may bring joy to Your world

And Praise to Your Name. Amen.

### Words of Assurance:

Pastor: Loving God, you have called us to become one family, a spiritual house where there is room for all people. We thank you for the good news of the Gospel and that 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: 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:** 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:** English: Ma Tian Japanese: Xue Zhong

#### **Deuteronomy 32:11**

*Like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them aloft.*

#### **Exodus 19:4**

*You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.*

#### **Psalms 91:4**

*He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*

#### **申命記/ 32 章 11 節**

鷲が巣を揺り動かし／雛の上を飛びかけり／羽を広げて捕らえ／翼に乗せて運ぶように

#### **出エジプト記/ 19 章 4 節**

あなたたちは見た／わたしがエジプト人にしたこと／また、あなたたちを鷲の翼に乗せて／わたしのものに連れて来たことを。

#### **詩編/ 91 編 4 節**

神は羽をもってあなたを覆い／翼の下にかばってください。神のまことは大盾、小盾。

Readers: May God bless our scripture reading for today.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Sermon:** "On Eagle's Wings, God Carries Us" Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto

### **Hymn Response:** "On Eagle's Wings" #438 verses 1 and 2



**Tithes and Offerings / Special music: "Amazing Grace"**

violin Ma You and Yuhee Lee, piano Yoko Irie

**\*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:**

**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: "Now Thank We All Our God" #14 all verses**

**Installation of New YUC Board Members:** Jessie Dang and Fumi Ohnuma

**Benediction:**

**Postlude:** "Thou Art Worthy" Michiko Okuhara, 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:** Michael Magee/Miho Kobayashi

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✧ **May 17:** Stewardship Saturday. Come help make our church beautiful! We will work on the playground and do pressure washing on the grounds. 9:30am-1pm. Join us anytime to help.
- ✧ **May 18:** Next week's scripture: Psalms 127:1-5  
Next week's preacher: Adam Hashimoto, YCS teacher. YCS Children will sing.
- ✧ **May 25:** Toshimasa Yamamoto's Christian Seminar in Japanese. 12:15pm. We will meet upstairs in the manse.  
5月25日、山本牧師による日本語によるキリスト教セミナー。三階にて12時15分から。

## 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

On Sunday May 4, 2025 we received 75,890 yen for our in-worship offering.



**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/>