



Yokohama Union Church

May 18, 2025

Order of Worship

**Those who are able, please stand*

Words of Welcome:

Prelude: “*Children of the Heavenly Father*” piano: Yoko Irie
(*Please be in quiet meditation as the acolyte lights the candles representing the Light of Christ.*)

***Call to Worship**(based on Psalm 127:1): (*please stand*) Liturgist: Jessie Dang

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house,

People: Its builders labor in vain.

Leader: Let us praise the Lord in all that we do.

All: We gather to worship God and sing of his praises.

Opening Hymn: “*Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus*” #442

Prayer of Confession (In Unison):

Holy God, we give thanks for empowering us with your gifts to serve others. You have equipped us with tools to work, share, and help those in need. Continue to work in our lives by your grace and mercy. We praise you and thank you for your gift of Jesus Christ. (Continue in silent personal confession...)

*Assurance of Pardon:

Pastor: God loves us 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: 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: YCS Preschool Children will sing *"Ho, Ho, Hosanna"* and *"Rise and Shine"*

Scripture Reading: English and Japanese: YCS students

Psalms 127:1-5

*1 Unless the LORD builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the guards stand watch in vain.
2 In vain you rise early
and stay up late,
toiling for food to eat—
for he grants sleep to those he loves.
3 Children are a heritage from the LORD,
offspring a reward from him.
4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior
are children born in one's youth.
5 Blessed is the man
whose quiver is full of them.
They will not be put to shame
when they contend with their opponents in court.*

詩編/ 127 編

1 都に上る歌。ソロモンの詩。／もし、主が家を建てるのでなければ／それを建てる人々は空しく労苦することになる。／もし、主が町を守るのでなければ／守る人は空しく見張ることになる。
2 空しいことだ／朝早く起き、夜遅く休み／苦勞してパンを食べる人々よ。／主は愛する者には眠りをお与えになるのだから。
3 見よ、子どもたちは主から受け継いだもの。／胎の実りは報い。
4 若い頃生んだ子どもたちは／勇士の手にある矢のようだ。
5 幸いな者、矢筒をこれらの矢で満たす男は。／町の門から敵を追い払うときも／恥を受けることはない。

Readers: May God bless our scripture reading for today.

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

Sermon: "Whoever Wants the Next Generation the Most Will Get Them" Adam Hashimoto

Hymn Response: *"Kirisuto no Heiwa"* 3xs follow Pastor Claudia's movements

Ki-ri-su-to no hei-wa ga wa-ta-shi-ta-chi no Ko-ko-ro no
Su-mi-zu-mi-ni ma-de yu-ki wa ta-ri-ma-su you ni.

キリストの平和が わたしたちのこころの
すみずみにまで ゆきわたりますように



Tithes and Offerings / Special music: YCS Elementary children will sing
"Thy Word" and "Give Thanks"

***Doxology: #359** (Congregation joins in singing as children lead them in singing)

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.

***Closing Hymn:** YCS School Song *"How Deep, How Broad, How Wide"* (see insert)

Benediction:

Postlude: *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* Yoko Irie, pianist
(Please be in quiet meditation as the acolyte takes out the light of Christ to the world.)





THOSE SERVING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

We thank Adam Hashimoto for sharing with us this morning and all the YCS children who came. We also wish to thank everyone else who helped with today's service.

Adam Hashimoto teaches the Upper Elementary class at YCS. He grew up in the United States (mostly Michigan and Washington) and now lives in Yokosuka with his wife, Katie, and three children, Clara, Asher, and Phoebe. In addition to teaching the core courses, Adam leads a running club on Friday afternoons and a chess club on Tuesday afternoons. In Yokosuka, he and his family attend Mabori Bible Church and Cadence Lighthouse. Adam also serves as a missionary with Resourcing Christian Education (RCE) International and is currently seeking people to partner with his mission by giving one-time or monthly donations. You may wish to make a monetary gift to Adam and his family to help them with their ministry.

Fellowship Preparation and Ushers: Lu Gao and Koichi Fukukita

Zoom: Miho Asano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have small crafts leftover from the Spring Fair. We hope you will check them out and buy! Cute necklaces and other items made by our church and school staff. Please check them out and buy something to support YUC!

- ✧ **May 25:** Next week's scripture: Luke 24:13-16; 28-31
- ✧ **May 25:** Pastor Claudia preaching. WIND recording artists and musicians will be in Japan for their annual tour and will sing in our worship and have a concert at 2pm.
<https://windmusic.us/>
- ✧ **May 25:** Rev. Toshimasa Yamamoto's Christian Seminar in Japanese. 12:15pm. We will meet upstairs in the manse.
5月25日、山本俊正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 11, 2025 we received 88,553 yen for our in-person worship offering.
Attendance (9 children and 42 adults) 51 total



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/>