

# Yokohama Union Church

3rd Sunday after Pentecost June 29, 2025

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## Order of Worship

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*\*Those who are able, please stand*

### Words of Welcome:

**Prelude:** “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” Yoko Irie, piano

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

**\*Call to Worship:** Liturgist: Miho Asano

Leader: God calls and welcomes us to worship this day;

**People: Let us celebrate and rejoice in God’s presence.**

**All: Amen!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** “*God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*” #149 please stand

**Prayer of Confession:** (in unison)

**God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways. We have gone astray; there are times we feel lost. We feel the stains of our sins, God. Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. We pray this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, amen. *(moment of silent prayer and confession to God)***

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Pastor: We give thanks that when we are lost, God is always there. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd. 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:** Pastor Daniel Matsunaga

*("Jesus Loves Me" played as children come forward; played again as children return to their seats.)*

### **Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-10 English: Jeff Canaday Japanese: Yoriko Canaday**

*Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."*

*3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.*

*8 "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins[a] and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

#### **ルカによる福音書 15 章 1-10 節**

徴税人や罪人が皆、話を聞こうとしてイエスに近寄って来た。2 すると、ファリサイ派の人々や律法学者たちは、「この人は罪人たちを迎えて、食事まで一緒にしている」と不平を言いだした。3 そこで、イエスは次のたとえを話された。4 「あなたがたの中に、百匹の羊を持っている人がいて、その一匹を見失ったとすれば、九十九匹を野原に残して、見失った一匹を見つ找出すまで捜し回らないだろうか。5 そして、見つけたら、喜んでその羊を担いで、6 家に帰り、友達や近所の人々を呼び集めて、『見失った羊を見つけたので、一緒に喜んでください』と言うであろう。7 言うておくが、このように、悔い改める一人の罪人については、悔い改める必要のない九十九人の正しい人についてよりも大きな喜びが天にある。」8 「あるいは、ドラクメ銀貨を十枚持っている女がいて、その一枚を無くしたとすれば、ともし火をつけ、家を掃き、見つけるまで念を入れて捜さないだろうか。9 そして、見つけたら、友達や近所の女たちを呼び集めて、『無くした銀貨を見つけましたから、一緒に喜んでください』と言うであろう。10 言うておくが、このように、一人の罪人が悔い改めれば、神の天使たちの間に喜びがある。」

**Reader:** May God bless our scripture reading for today.

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

### **Sermon:** "The Searcher" Pastor Daniel Matsunaga

### **Hymn Response:** "Awesome God" #658 please remain seated

**Tithes and Offerings / Special music:** “*Majesty*” Mitsuhiro Irie, 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.**

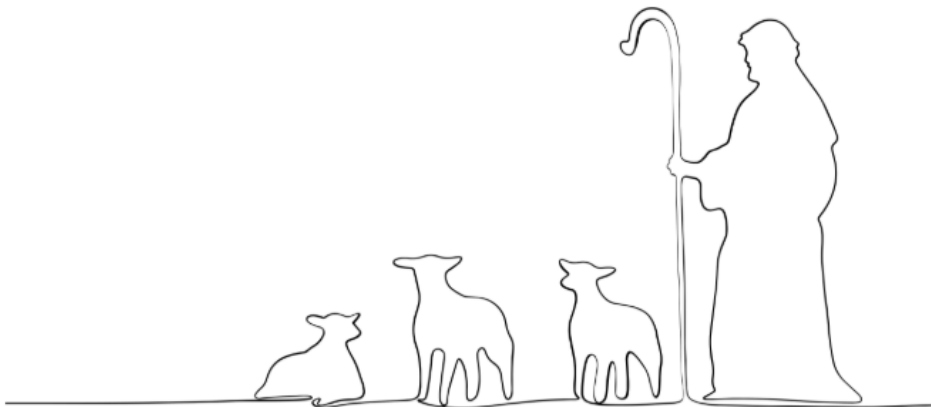
**\*Closing Hymn**(please stand): “*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*” #440

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

**Postlude:** “*My Tribute*” Yoko Irie, piano

*(The acolyte takes out the light of Christ to the world.)*

**Birthday Blessings for those with a June Birthday:**



## THOSE SERVING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Special thanks to Pastor Daniel Matsunaga for preaching. Also, thank you to others who helped with our service today.

Pastor Daniel Matsunaga was born and raised in CA USA. He spent close to 10 Years in Fukuoka, Japan working in church planting and Japanese Pastoral Ministry. Then he was connected and worked for 3 years at Asia Pacific Theological Seminary in Baguio City Philippines. Currently he is based with his family here in Yokohama, working with Japanese Churches.

**Ministers:** All of us at YUC.

**Usher and Fellowship:** Merry Amano and Ran Oji

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✧ **TODAY:** Last day of Sunday School until September 7th. Sunday School pizza lunch after service for the SS children and their parents. Lunch starts around noon.
- ✧ **July 6:** Next week's preacher: Rev. Daniel Matsunaga, "The Loving Father"  
Scripture: Luke 15:11-24
- ✧ **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](mailto: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](https://goyuc.com/give)

On Sunday June 22, 2025 we received 73,422 yen for our in-person worship offering.  
Attendance: total 53 (43 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/>

