



# Yokohama Union Church

10th Week in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

Word of Welcome

Michael Magee

Prelude

"This is a Time to Remember"

Michiko Okuhara

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

## COME TO THE LORD

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Call to Worship (\*Please Stand)

Chihiro Nakai

Leader: The love of God shines forth into the world.

**People: We come to worship our gracious God.**

Leader: The Lord calls us to bear fruit in our lives.

**People: Lord, help us to be faithful to Your calling.**

Leader: Beloved of God, let us approach our Redeeming God!

**All: Let us worship the God who renews all things. Amen.**

Opening Hymn\*

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn #544

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jonathan Oh

**Gracious God, we admit that we have fallen short in bearing fruit that honors You. We have failed to do things that we should have done, and we have done things that do not please You. Forgive us for our unfaithfulness to the call that You have placed in our lives. For the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and forgive us our sins. Renew and strengthen us to bear the fruit that You have called us to bear. We pray this all in His name,**

[continue in silent prayer]

**Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Jonathan Oh

Leader: When we confess our sins, the Lord is just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us declare the Good News together!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

Greeting of Visitors & Passing of the Peace

Chihiro Nakai

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## LISTEN TO THE LORD

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Good News for Kids

Rev. Jonathan Oh

*(Children, please come forward as "Jesus Loves Me" is played!)*

Scripture Passage

Colossians 1:1–14

English: Michael Magee (NIV)

Japanese: Miho Kobayashi (新共同訳)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To God,s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God,s people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In

the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

神の御心によってキリスト・イエスの使徒とされたパウロと兄弟テモテから、コロサイにいる聖なる者たち、キリストに結ばれている忠実な兄弟たちへ。わたしたちの父である神からの恵みと平和が、あなたがたにあるように。わたしたちは、いつもあなたがたのために祈り、わたしたちの主イエス・キリストの父である神に感謝しています。あなたがたがキリスト・イエスにおいて持っている信仰と、すべての聖なる者たちに対して抱いている愛について、聞いたからです。それは、あなたがたのために天に蓄えられている希望に基づくものであり、あなたがたは既にこの希望を、福音という真理の言葉を通して聞きました。あなたがたにまで伝えられたこの福音は、世界中至るところでそうであるように、あなたがたのところでも、神の恵みを聞いて真に悟った日から、実を結んで成長しています。あなたがたは、この福音を、わたしたちと共に仕えている仲間、愛するエパfrasから学びました。彼は、あなたがたのためにキリストに忠実に仕える者であり、また、霊に基づきあなたがたの愛を知らせてくれた人です。こういうわけで、そのことを聞いたときから、わたしたちは、絶えずあなたがたのために祈り、願っています。どうか、霊によるあらゆる知恵と理解によって、神の御心を十分悟り、すべての点で主に喜ばれるように主に従って歩み、あらゆる善い業を行って実を結び、神をますます深く知るように。そして、神の栄光の力に従い、あらゆる力によって強められ、どんなことも根気強く耐え忍ぶように。喜びをもって、光の中にある聖なる者たちの相続分に、あなたがたがあずかるようにしてください。御父に感謝するように。御父は、わたしたちを闇の力から救い出して、その愛する御子の支配下に移してくださいました。わたしたちは、この御子によって、贖い、すなわち罪の赦しを得ているのです。

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Fruits of The Church

Rev. Jonathan Oh

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD AND PRAYERS

Hymn of Response\*

When We All Get to Heaven (v. 1)

Hymn #525

Tithes and Offerings

Special Music: "As the Deer"

Flute: Katsunori Suzuki  
Piano: Michiko Okuhara

Offertory Hymn

Doxology with Alleluias

Tune Hymn #147

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Jonathan Oh

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jonathan Oh

(Please pray in your own native language or a language of your heart)

**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.**

## LEAVE WITH THE LORD'S BLESSING

Closing Hymn\*

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymn #569

Benediction

Rev. Jonathan Oh

Postlude

"Be Still and Know" with "Be Still, My Soul"

Michiko Okuhara

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