

# Yokohama Union Church

August 31, 2025

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## Order of Worship

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*\*Those who are able, please stand*

### Words of Welcome:

**Prelude:** “*Sing a New Song*” Lydia Leung, piano

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

**\*Call to Worship :** Liturgist: Aurora Murabayashi

Leader: Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

**People: Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.**

Leader: Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

**All: As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** “*The Summons*” #350 please stand

### Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**We confess, O Lord, that we have been given many gifts, but have failed to use them to help others and to serve you. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace and hope that is your way to true life. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance:

Let us celebrate your love for us in lives of service to others; for you are with us always.  
**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

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

**Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 English:** Yuhee Lee **Japanese:** Miho Asano

*Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. 2 Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. 3 Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.*

*4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,*

*"Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you."*

*6 So we say with confidence,*

*"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?"*

*7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

*15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. 16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

**ヘブライ人への手紙/ 13 章 1-8, 15-16 節**

兄弟としていつも愛し合いなさい。2 旅人をもてなすことを忘れてはいけません。そうすることで、ある人たちは、気づかずに天使たちをもてなしました。3 自分も一緒に捕らわれているつもりで、牢に捕らわれている人たちのことを思いやり、また、自分も体を持って生きているのですから、虐待されている人たちのことを思いやりなさい。4 結婚はすべての人に尊ばれるべきであり、夫婦の関係は汚してはなりません。神は、みだらな者や姦淫する者を裁かれるのです。5 金銭に執着しない生活をし、今持っているもので満足しなさい。神御自身、「わたしは、決してあなたから離れず、決してあなたを置き去りにはしない」と言われました。6 だから、わたしたちは、はばからずに次のように言うことができます。「主はわたしの助け手。わたしは恐れない。人はわたしに何ができるだろう。」7 あなたがたに神の言葉を語った指導者たちのことを、思い出しなさい。彼らの生涯の終わりをしっかり見て、その信仰を見倣いなさい。8 イエス・キリストは、きのうも今日も、また永遠に変わることはない方です。

15 だから、イエスを通して賛美のいけにえ、すなわち御名をたたえる唇の実を、絶えず神に献げましょう。16 善い行いと施しとを忘れないでください。このようないけにえこそ、神はお喜びになるのです。

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

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

**Sermon:** "The Sacred Call to Hospitality" Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto

**Hymn Response** (please remain seated): "Kirisuto no Heiwa" 2xs

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:** “*Con amores, la mi madre*”  
Motoko Imamura, 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

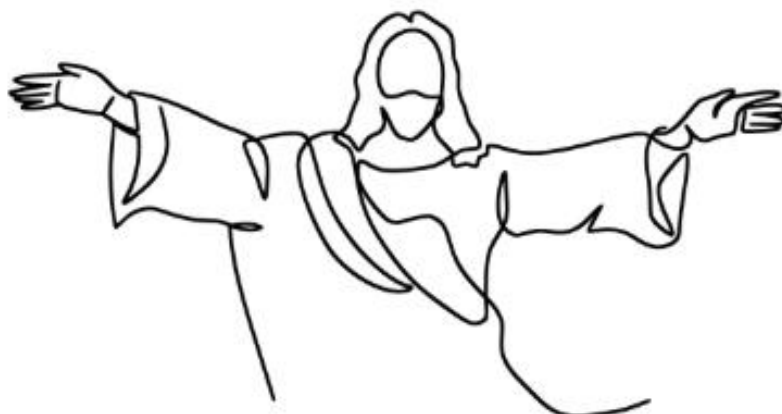
**The Lord’s Prayer:** (*please say in your own language or tradition or use this one below.*)

**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:** “*Here I Am, Lord*” #559 verses 1 and 3 only (*please stand*)

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

**Postlude:** “*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*” Lydia Leung, piano  
(*The acolyte takes out the light of Christ to the world.*)



## THOSE SERVING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

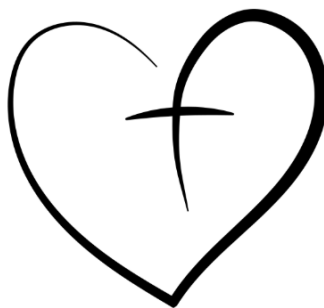
**Ministers:** All of us at YUC.

**Usher and Fellowship:** Ma Tian and Xue Zhong

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✧ **September 7:** Rally Day (First Day of Sunday School.)
- ✧ **September 7:** Ministries Fair after worship
- ✧ **September 20:** Stewardship Saturday and "Pancakes and Praise" We will have a brief devotion then a pancake breakfast at 9:30am. After breakfast, we will clean up the church.
- ✧ **September 21:** 12:10 pm Rev. Toshi's Christian Seminar (in Japanese) 山本牧師のキリスト教セミナー (日本語) は、9 月 21 日の礼拝後 12 時 10 分から開催されます。



## 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 August 24, 2025 we received 56,600 yen for our in-person worship offering.  
Attendance: total 37 (32 adults, 5 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/>

