



# Yokohama Union Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost September 7, 2025

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## Order of Worship

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*\*Those who are able, please stand*

### Words of Welcome:

**Prelude:** “*Here I Am, Lord*” #68 Yoko Irie, piano

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

**\*Call to Worship (Jeremiah 18, Psalm 139):** Liturgist: Alisha Yamamori

Leader: God knows each one of us personally and God loves each one of us.

**People: Thanks be to God for such wondrous love!**

Leader: Come this day into the presence of God.

**People: We come with overflowing hearts!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** “*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*” #59 please stand

**Prayer of Confession:** (Psalm 139, Philemon, Luke 14)

God of our lives,  
you search us and know us.  
We have refused to take up your cross,  
to bear the burdens that are ours to carry.  
We have not given up our attachments  
to possessions or to self.  
We have not counted the cost  
of walking into an unknown future with you.  
Help us turn away from evil,  
that we may walk with you once more.

**Words of Assurance (Psalm 139):**

The Holy One rejoices in our repentance,  
reshaping us into vessels of love and service.  
In the grace-filled love of Christ, we are forgiven.  
**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: 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: Alisha Yamamori

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

### Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:13-14

**English:** Masaki Tokuda      **Japanese:** Ayaka Tokuda

13 *For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.*  
14 *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.*

#### 詩編 139 編 13-14 節

13 あなたは、わたしの内臓を造り／母の胎内にわたしを組み立ててくださった。  
14 わたしはあなたに感謝をささげる。わたしは恐ろしい力によって／驚くべきものに造り上げられている。御業がどんなに驚くべきものか／わたしの魂はよく知っている。

Reader: May God bless our scripture reading for today.

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

### Sermon: "Wonderfully Made" Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto

### Hymn Response (please remain seated): "Borning Cry" #680 verse 1 only

### The Apostles Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Piano 4-hands Miho Kobayashi and Michiko Okuahara

**\*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.**

**Communion:** Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto

Lay Eucharist Ministers: Jeff and Yoriko Canaday, Ayako Maenosono

(All are welcome to the Lord's Table. Today we will take communion by starting from the back rows, coming up the center, taking a piece of bread and eating it, then taking a cup and drinking, placing the cup in the basket up front. After receiving communion, you may respond "Amen." then, using the side aisles you may return to your seat to pray. If you would like to have a blessing instead, of communion, let it be known by crossing your arms across your chest when you come forward.)

Pastor: The Lord be With You.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**\*Closing Hymn**(please stand): *"Lead On, O King Eternal"* #508

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

**Postlude:** *"Be Still, My Soul (Finlandia)"* Yoko Irie, piano

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

## THOSE SERVING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

**Communion Bread:** Miho Asano

**Usher and Fellowship:** Michael Magee and Miho Kobayashi

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✧ **September 13 :** Saturday bi-monthly Bible study on Zoom resumes
- ✧ **September 14 :** **Ministries Fair** after worship
- ✧ **September 20 :** **“Pancakes and Praise”** and **Stewardship Saturday**. Join us! The pancake breakfast starts at 9:30am and we will have a short devotion, eat together, then clean up the church. We need volunteers to help make the pancakes. See Jeff Canaday if you are able to help.
- ✧ **September 21 :** 12:10 pm Christian Seminar taught in Japanese by Rev. Toshi Yamamoto 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。  
The next 日本語によるキリスト教セミナー is on October 19th. Mark your calendars!
- ✧ **September 28 :** **Aurora Murabayashi's testimony! Invite your friends!**
- ✧ **October 5:** **World Communion Sunday.** **World Communion Sunday** is observed on the first Sunday of October and serves as a day for Christians globally to celebrate their unity in Christ. Please wear something from your own or another culture to church and also bring bread from other cultures (tortillas, nan, French bread, brown bread, rice balls, etc.)

## 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 31, Attendance: total 46 (35 adults, 11 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/>

