



Yokohama Union Church

World Communion Sunday October 5, 2025

Order of Worship

**Those who are able, please stand*

Words of Welcome:

Prelude: “Children of the Heavenly Father” Yoko Irie, piano

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

***Call to Worship :** Liturgist: Yuhee Lee

Leader: Come from the north and the south, from the east and the west.

People: We gather as one family of God.

Leader: Come, young and old, rich and poor, strong and weak.

People: We gather as one body in Christ.

Leader: Come to the table of grace, where all are welcome.

People: We gather to share one bread, one cup, one Lord.

All: Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn:** “In Christ There is No East or West” #603

Prayer of Confession :

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always lived in unity. We have let differences divide us, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for the times we have turned away from one another and from You. Draw us back to Your table of grace, where all are welcome, and all are fed. Make us one in Christ, that the world may see Your love through us. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Leader: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that He sent His Son, not to condemn the world, but to save it.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

Leader: At this table, Christ breaks down every dividing wall and makes us one body.

All: Thanks be to God!



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 and Alisha Yamamori

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

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:11-12, Ephesians 4:3-5

English: Ma Tian **Japanese:** Xue Zhong

11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

1 John 4:11-12

3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; Ephesians 4:3-5

ヨハネの手紙一/ 4章 11-12節

11 愛する人たち、神がこのように私たちを愛されたのですから、私たちも互いに愛し合うべきです。12 いまだかつて神を見た者はいません。私たちが互いに愛し合うなら、神は私たちの内にとどまり、神の愛が私たちの内に全うされているのです。

エフェソの信徒への手紙/ 4章 3-5節

3 平和の絆で結ばれて霊による一致を保つよう熱心に努めなさい。4 体は一つ、霊は一つです。それは、あなたがたが、一つの希望にあずかるようにと招かれたのと同じです。5 主は一人、信仰は一つ、洗礼(バプテスマ)は一つです。

Reader: May God bless our scripture reading for today.

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

Sermon: "The Table is Long and Wide" Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto

Hymn Response (please remain seated): "One Bread, One Body" #689

Tithes and Offerings / Special music: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

flute, Naoko Watanabe, 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.

Holy Communion: Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto

Lay Eucharist Ministers: Michael Magee, Ran Oji, Ayako Maenosono

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy God, Creator of all

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.



Communion Hymn: *"We Gather at the Table Lord"* (see insert)

World Communion Sunday Communion:

Today we come to the Lord's table—a table that stretches around the world, across every time zone and language. A table where Christ is the host, and all are welcome.

Here we remember that in Christ, there is one body, one Spirit, one faith, one baptism. We come not because we are perfect, but because we are loved. We come not as strangers, but as family—God's family.

This bread we break is the body of Christ. This cup we share is the blood of Christ. And as we receive them, we are joined with our sisters and brothers everywhere. Come, for all is ready.

(Communion – all welcome to the table. Sing during communion "Eat this Bread, drink the Cup" #697)

***Closing Hymn:** *"Christ for the World We Sing"* #561

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

Postlude: *"Make Us One"* 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 Servers/Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Magee, Ran Oji, Ayako Maenosono

Communion Bread: Etsuko Fukuoka

Usher and Fellowship: Etsuko Fukuoka and Jessie Dang

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✧ **October 12:** Pledge & Commitment Sunday (Scriptures for next Sunday: Matthew 6: 21, 2 Corinthians 9:7, Numbers 18:29) *Need two volunteers to read scriptures in Japanese and English. Sign -up sheet on the church whiteboard on table in the foyer.*
- ✧ **October 18:** Asian Rural Institute Harvest Festival Celebration
- ✧ **October 19:** Pastor Debbie preaches (Pastor Claudia preaches at WTUC)
- ✧ **October 26 :** Rev. Stephen Kim preaches (Korean American pastor from Aiea United Methodist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii)

Upcoming

November 23: YUC Thanksgiving Potluck

Areas to Help Pastor Claudia with at YUC

- 1) Someone to help coordinate the Lay Eucharistic Ministers on Communion Sundays. Need 3 people for each Communion Service.
- 2) Someone to buy Sunday School children and youth snacks when we get low (right now, we are ok). Snacks kept in Pastor Claudia's office.
- 3) Another assistant teacher once a month to help Miho Kobayashi for the elementary Sunday School. She needs help especially when they do crafts.
- 4) Someone to start a sermon and Sunday's scripture discussion group - either in person or on Zoom. on Zoom. Can be on a weekday or Sunday. Talk to Pastor Claudia
- 5) Volunteers to help with the upcoming Sunday School Christmas Pageant.
- 6) Someone to help find scripture readers for Sunday and liturgists. (Sign-up sheet on church bulletin board.)

HOMELESS MINISTRY

In the month of November, we are encouraged to bring food for the food bank at Uenomachi Church. Please bring non-perishable items.

Food or money may also be donated for the Thursday evening 7-8 pm homeless feeding around Kannai Station. If interested in volunteering to help distribute food, - (even just once or twice), join Etsuko on Thursdays nights at Kannai Station.

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 Jessie Dang 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

On Sunday September 28, 2025 we received 106,743 yen for our in-person worship offering.
Attendance: total 74 (65 adults, 9 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/>