



Order of Worship

**Those who are able, please stand*

Words of Welcome:

Prelude: “*Lord of the Dance*”, sacred dance: Mila Ohnuma, violin: Ma You and Yuhee Lee, piano: Yoko Irie

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

***Call to Worship:** *(please stand)* Liturgist: Michael Magee

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: **He is risen Indeed!**

Opening Hymn: “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*” #288 verses 1-2

Prayer of Confession:

God of life, as we celebrate the resurrection of your only Son, Jesus Christ, we stand constantly in need of the forgiveness for which he died. Help us so we may rise to newness of life in the joy of Christ's resurrection. Amen.

(moment of silent confession)

Words of Assurance:

Pastor: Hear the Good News! Christ died for our sins. In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **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.

Welcoming New Members into YUC:

Passing of the Peace:

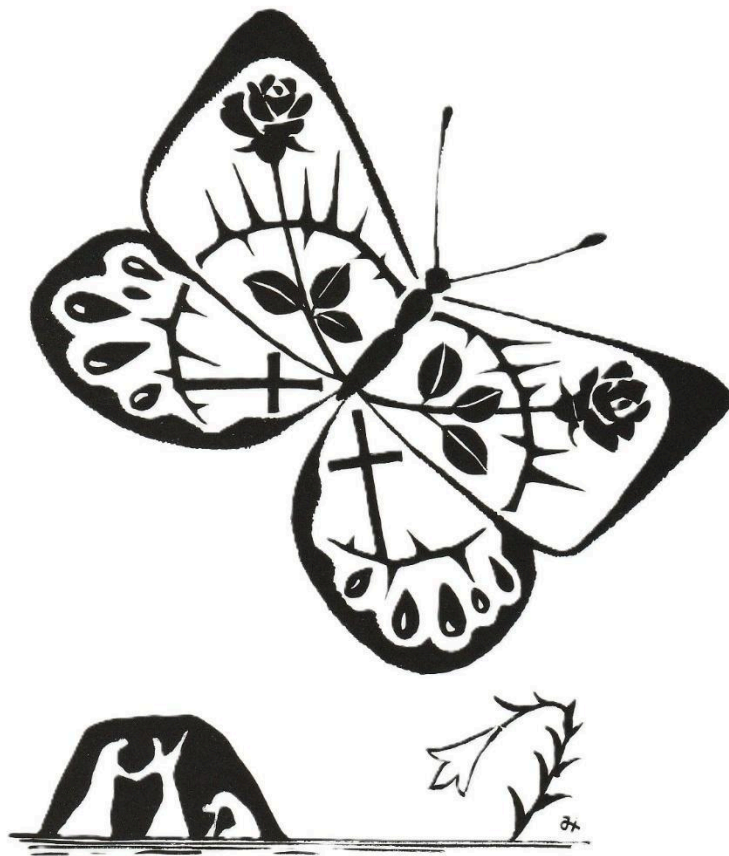
Leader: Christ is risen and may the Peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please pass the peace of Christ with one another by saying, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen." And the response is, "He is risen indeed."

Children's Message: Alisha Yamamori

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



Scripture Reading: John 20:1- 18

English: Jeff Canaday Japanese: Yoriko Canaday

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, 12 and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

週の初めの日、朝早く、まだ暗いうちに、マグダラのマリアは墓に行った。そして、墓から石が取りのけてあるのを見た。2そこで、シモン・ペトロのところへ、また、イエスが愛しておられたもう一人の弟子のところへ走って行って、彼らに告げた。「誰かが主を墓から取り去りました。どこに置いたのか、分かりません。」3そこで、ペトロともう一人の弟子は外に出て、墓へ行った。4二人は一緒に走ったが、もう一人の弟子のほうが、ペトロより速く走って、先に墓に着いた。5身をかがめて中をのぞくと、亜麻布が置いてあるのを見たが、中には入らなかった。6続いて、シモン・ペトロも着いた。彼は墓に入り、亜麻布が置いてあるのを見た。7イエスの頭を包んでいた覆いは、亜麻布と同じ所には置いてなく、離れた所に丸めてあった。8それから、先に墓に着いたもう一人の弟子も中に入ってきて、見て、信じた。9イエスが死者の中から必ず復活されることを記した聖書の言葉を、二人はまだ理解していなかったのである。10それから、この弟子たちは家に帰って行った。11マリアは墓の外に立って泣いていた。泣きながら身をかがめて墓の中をのぞくと、12イエスの遺体の置いてあった所に、白い衣を着た二人の天使が、一人は頭の方に、一人は足の方に座っているのが見えた。13天使たちが、「女よ、なぜ泣いているのか」と言うと、マリアは言った。「誰かが私の主を取り去りました。どこに置いたのか、分かりません。」14こう言って後ろを振り向くと、イエスの立っておられるのが見えた。しかし、それがイエスだとは分からなかった。15イエスは言われた。「女よ、なぜ泣いているのか。誰を捜しているのか。」マリアは、園の番人だと思って言った。「あなたがあの方を運び去ったのでしたら、どこに置いたのか、どうぞ、おっしゃってください。私が、あの方を引き取ります。」16イエスが、「マリア」と言われると、彼女は振り向いて、ヘブライ語で、「ラボニ」と言った。「先生」という意味である。17イエスは言われた。「私に触れてはいけない。まだ父のもとへ上っていないのだから。私のきょうだいたちのところへ行って、こう言いなさい。『私の父であり、あなたがたの父である方、また、私の神であり、あなたがたの神である方のもとに私は上る』と。」18マグダラのマリアは弟子たちのところに行って、「私は主を見ました」と告げ、また、主から言われたことを伝えた。

Readers: May God bless our scripture reading for today.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon: "We Are Easter People" Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto

Hymn Response: "Thine Is the Glory" #310 All verses

Tithes and Offerings / Special music: "This Joyful Eastertide" Festival Signers, piano Michiko Okuhara

*Doxology: #147

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayers of the People:

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:** *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"* #288 verses 3-4

Benediction:

Postlude: *"He Lives"* # 302 Michiko Okuhara, pianist
(Please be in quiet meditation as the acolyte takes out the light of Christ to the world.)

THOSE SERVING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ministers: The people of YUC

Pastor: Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto

Fellowship Preparation and Ushers: Tian Ma and Xue Zhong



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY! : Easter Brunch Potluck! Please stay and join us even if you didn't bring food.
April 24 : AGM Annual General Meeting will be held after worship.

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



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