

***Tokyo Union Church***  
***August 1, 2004 at 10:00 am***

PRELUDE

"Prelude in F minor" by G. F. Händel

*We welcome you to Tokyo Union Church. Please sign the pew registry.*

*(\* Please Stand; \*\* Late Seating)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Fukuda

Leader: Our ancestors cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: For God's steadfast love we give thanks to the Lord, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

**People: For God satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

\*\*OPENING HYMN 260

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Source of all good things, we have stored up treasure that does not last, and filled ourselves with bread that does not sustain. We have looked to other providers, when only you can truly satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst.**

**Forgive us for seeking elsewhere what you have already given us so richly in Jesus, our Lord. Stir our hearts by your Spirit, to set our affections on things above, on treasures that last forever. Clothe us with the new self, that Christ may be our all in all.**

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-11 (NT p. 201)

Lector: Paul Fukuda

\*\*GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS (Through Grade 4)

Sally Pyke

*Preschool-kindergarten ages may go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom at this time.*

*Nursery care for children ages 0-2 is provided on the first floor throughout the entire service.*

HYMN 276

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:13-21 (NT p. 74)

SERMON

"There Was a Land of a Rich Man"

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Kazunori Higuchi

(Praying today for **Changun Narayan Women's Center, Nepal**)

The Lord's Prayer – **Ecumenical** (Hymnal p. 16)

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – “Give Thanks”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His son. (Repeat)**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong;” Let the poor say, “I am rich,”  
because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks!**

## HOLY COMMUNION - *Please turn to Hymnal p. 13.*

*(All Christians are invited to come forward for Communion.*

*Communion will be served by 'intinction'. Please take the bread, dip it in the cup and then eat.*

*Those not receiving communion may come forward for a special blessing. Families may elect to stand together to commune.*

聖餐式はクリスチャンのための式典です。

クリスチャンでない方はご自分の席でお待ちになるか、または参列してサーバーの前で腕をXに組み祝福の言葉を受けて下さい。)

During Communion

Hymn 513 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

## EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

*In the name of the Lord, we warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers.*

*Please join us for the Coffee Hour after the service, so we can greet you personally.*

## SAYONARA BLESSINGS - Claudette Maier

\*CLOSING HYMN

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

**I’d rather have Jesus than silver or gold; I’d rather be His than have riches untold;  
I’d rather have Jesus than houses or lands. I’d rather be led by His nailpierced hand  
Than to be the king of a vast domain Or be held in sin’s dread sway.  
I’d rather have Jesus than anything This world affords today.**

**I’d rather have Jesus than men’s applause; I’d rather be faithful to His dear cause;  
I’d rather have Jesus than worldwide fame. I’d rather be true to His holy name  
Than to be the king of a vast domain Or be held in sin’s dread sway.  
I’d rather have Jesus than anything This world affords today.**

**He’s fairer than lilies of rarest bloom; He’s sweeter than honey from out the comb;  
He’s all that my hungering spirit needs. I’d rather have Jesus and let Him lead  
Than to be the king of a vast domain Or be held in sin’s dread sway.  
I’d rather have Jesus than anything This world affords today.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 586: **Amen, Amen, Amen.**)

*Following the service, the Prayer and Healing Ministry Team will be available at the front of the sanctuary for persons desiring prayer.*

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in F minor” by G. F. Händel

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**Changun Narayan Women's Center, Nepal:** The center provides educational and literacy training for women and youth and operates a micro-credit scheme which enables women of the isolated, impoverished community to start small enterprises.

Pastor Bruce will be away from the office for vacation from Aug. 2 to Aug. 24. Pastor Craig is returning to Tokyo from a study tour in Turkey today.

**Today's Communion:** Paul Fukuda, Brock & Carol McMunn   **Altar Guild:** Michiko Yaegashi, Haruyo Inoue   **Nursery:** Kaoru Hirano   **Coffee Hosts:** The Administration Team   **Flowers:** Junko Takahashi, donated by Kazuko, Dennis and Takako Schneider, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kikuko Mitsuishi, Kazuko's sister, who died July 22.

EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: **Today, at 4:00 pm.** All are welcome!

WOMEN'S SOCIETY SUMMER COFFEE: "When East Marries West" by Tom Dillon, Columnist for The Japan Times and former Lutheran missionary to Japan on Thursday, **Aug. 5**, at 10:00 am. You are also invited to "Creating Magic with Costumes" by Lynne Ford, Costume Director for Tokyo Disney Resort, on **Aug.19**.

**WANTED for Vacation Bible School (VBS) - Aug. 9-13**

CREW LEADERS: We are in desperate need of crew leaders. No experience necessary, no advance preparation required. Be in charge of a mixed age group of 5-6 children for 5 days. Take them to their various rotations, enjoy getting to know them and helping them to learn of God's love. An ideal job for a junior high school/high school/college student on summer vacation. Remember: it's air conditioned in here! Contact Jeanne Shimazaki at jeanneshimazaki@aol.com as soon as possible.

SHOPPING BAGS: If you have some spare shopping bags (and who doesn't?), please bring them in **by Aug. 8**. Any kind, any logo, medium size preferred.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: Saturday, **Aug. 14**, 8:30-10:00 am, at Andersen's Restaurant near the church. RSVP to Brock McMunn (Tel/Fax: 03-3582-7463) or the church office by Tuesday, **Aug. 10**, for the breakfast.

KOINONIA NEWSLETTER (Sep. issue) deadline: **Aug. 15**. Sunday bulletin deadline: **Every Tuesday**.

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY**   **Altar Guild:** Joy Albrecht   **Ushers:** TBA   **Lector:** David Henry (**Readings:** Isa. 1:1, 10-20; Ps. 50:1-8, 22-23; Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40)   **Nursery:** Josiah   **Childcare:** TBA   **Greeters:** TBA   **Coffee Hosts:** TBA   **Flowers:** Aya Uda (arrangement), Greg & Joy Albrecht (donation)

FLOWERS: Would you like to donate flowers for a specific Sunday? A sign-up sheet & flower envelopes are in the lobby. Please write your name, indicate the occasion and amount contributed. Flower arrangers are also needed.

WORSHIP CHILDCARE PARENTS: Please look for the sign-up sheet on the door of the Worship Child Care room and add your name as a volunteer.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is a group of people who are contacted by email, fax or phone to pray for the leaders & ministries of TUC and for any prayer requests we receive during the week. Contact Mary Foster at [tucprayer@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tucprayer@yahoo.com.au) with your prayer requests.

WESTERN SUDAN EMERGENCY - Thousands have died, a million people have been forced to leave their homes, and there have been widespread human rights violations. TUC is channeling donations to Christian Aid for their support of relief organizations aiding the refugees on the Sudan/Chad border. Please use the emergency relief envelopes in the pews.

“SUPPORT IN GRIEF” is available for anyone in the congregation who is having a hard time facing a loss or dealing with grief. They will provide a sympathetic ear. Contact April Morito at 046-273-1289, and you will be matched with someone you can call.

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TOKYO UNION CHURCH was founded in 1872 and is an ecumenical and international congregation of English-speaking Christians. The word “union” is used to indicate that the membership is composed of Christians from many churches and nationalities who are united through a common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The members of Tokyo Union Church bring the richness of their own Christian heritage and experience into our worship, study, fellowship, and service. Tokyo Union Church is independent and financially self-supporting; it is a member of the National Christian Council of Japan. ***Our Vision: A diverse community of growing committed Christians in the heart of Tokyo, sharing the light of Christ with all nations.***

**THIS WEEK AT TUC** (*Details on bulletin boards in lobby.*)

Aug. 1 (Sun)	10:00 am	Worship
	4:00 pm	Evening Praise Service
Aug. 5 (Thu)	10:00 am	WS Summer Coffee (B1)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Aug. 6 (Fri)	1:00 pm	Altar Guild (2F)
Aug. 8 (Sun)	10:00 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Adult Education Class (Sanctuary)

<Next New Members' Class: August 22 at 12:30 pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom>

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