

***Tokyo Union Church***  
***August 22, 2004 at 8:30 & 11:00 am***

PRELUDE

"Meditation" by J. G. Rheinberger

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

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

(11:00) INTROIT

"Be Still and Know"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from a prayer of St. Basil the Great)*

Leader: As I rise from sleep, I thank Thee, O Holy Trinity,

**People: For through Thy great goodness and patience Thou wast not angered with me, a sinner, but hast shown Thy usual love.**

Leader: And when I was prostrate in despair,

**People: Thou hast raised me to keep the morning watch and glorify Thy power.**

Leader: Now enlighten my mind's eye.

**All: Open my mouth to study Thy words and do Thy will and sing to Thee in heartfelt adoration and praise Thy Most Holy Name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

\*\*OPENING HYMN 138

"Holy Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you promise to make all things new, to make a new heaven and a new earth, to restore your world to its original perfection. Yet in our stubbornness, we do not allow enough time for prayer and the study of Scripture as disciplines in right living and effective training in following your Way. Instead we often commit the same sins repeatedly: it is a spiritual ailment. Forgive our unwillingness to be changed, to be open to others, to accept those quite different from ourselves. Fill us, Lord Jesus, with your perfect love, cast out our fear, teach us to be peace-makers. Guide us, Holy Spirit, and strengthen our bonds of Christian unity.**

\*HYMN 565

"Lord, Have Mercy" *(Sing 3 times)*

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; the one who seeks finds, and for those who knock, the door will be opened to them." Welcome to God's forgiveness. Amen.

\*\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:25-31 (NT p. 109)

Lector: (8:30) Yukio Saitoh (11:00) Isaku Murakami

## GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

*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

“As the Deer”

**As the deer pants for the water, So my soul longs after you.**

**You alone are my heart’s desire, And I long to worship you.**

*(Chorus)* **You alone are my strength, my shield; To you alone may my spirit yield.**

**You alone are my heart’s desire, And I long to worship you.**

**I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy.**

**You alone are the real joy-giver, And the apple of my eye.** *(Chorus)*

## THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:15-20 (NT p. 200)

## SERMON

“Who Wants to Worship a Superangel, Anyway?”

Pastor Craig Hunter

\*THE NICENE CREED - **Traditional** (Hymnal p. 15)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **HELP Asian Women’s Shelter, Japan**)

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

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Meditative Music

Junko Sasaki, organ

\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings - Doxology (Hymn 592)

**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.**

(8:30) HOLY COMMUNION - *Please turn to Hymnal p. 13.*

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.*

\*CLOSING HYMN 554

“Let All Things Now Living”

\*BENEDICTION

May God the Father strengthen you in your daily difficulties. May God the Son lead you in paths of service. May God the Holy Spirit confirm you in your faith.

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

*Following the 11:00 am service, the Prayer and Healing Ministry Team will be available at the front of the sanctuary for persons desiring prayer.*

**POSTLUDE**

**“Concertino Spirituale” by A. Soresina**

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The liturgy for the service this morning was informed by contact with Biblical and early church history during the TUC church trip in Turkey. We thank the Turkey Trip Group for leading the service today.

**HELP Asian Women’s Shelter, Japan:** HELP provides a multi-lingual counseling hotline and emergency shelter for women and children facing violence and other human rights abuses regardless of nationality or visa status. HELP also provides children’s programs including play therapy, tutoring, and lectures.

Pastor Bruce is away from the office for vacation from Aug. 2 to Aug. 24.

**Today’s Communion:** (8:30) Brock McMunn, Alan Sorba   **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Joy Albrecht, Jessie Rempel (11:00) Elizabeth Foley, Nobuko Gaine   **Ushers:** (8:30) Postema family (11:00) Junko Suzuki, Premoj & Sajeeve Thomas   **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaori Murakami   **Coffee Host:** The Fellowship Ministry Team   **Flowers:** Chika Eto, donated by Tomoko & Takuya Furusawa, to the glory of God.

“CONFLICT IN THE HOLY LAND” CLASS: **Aug. 22 & Aug. 29 at 9:45 am**, in the Sanctuary. All are welcome as we continue to look at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Remaining topics for the class include how the remembrance of the Holocaust affects the conflict, Jewish-Christian dialogue and the conflict, viewpoints of prominent Protestant theologians, and the Bible and the land of Israel/Palestine. Please contact Pastor Craig if you have any questions.

THE NEW MEMBERS’ CLASS: **Today**, at 12:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Classroom. All persons interested in membership at TUC are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Membership elder, Alan Sorba (070-5089-4862) or the church office.

**NEXT SUNDAY, Aug 29:** There will be a parade on Omotesando, between Jingumae lights (Gap) and Omotesando lights (Mizuho Bank & Andersen Restaurant.) Parking is restricted from morning, and no parking or through traffic allowed around 12 - 5 pm.

WOMEN’S SOCIETY MONTHLY PROGRAM/COFFEE: Thursday, **Sep. 2**, starting coffee at 10 am. The registration for Fall classes will be held at 12:30-2:30 pm. Please contact WS receptionist (3400-0942, 10 am - 2 pm, weekdays) for more information.

RALLY DAY: Check out the Fellowship Hall after the service on Sunday, **Sep. 5**. Tables promoting the activities of TUC’s ministry teams are part of our annual Rally Day. We hope Rally Day can be a day when our church family can learn about all of the opportunities they have to join in fellowship, study and service. If your ministry team would like to have an information booth, please contact Mary Foster (jasmine@tkb.att.ne.jp) **by Aug. 31**.

EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: **Sep. 5**, 4:00 pm, with Holy Communion. Speaker: Beth Huse. All are welcome!

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY**   **Communion:** (8:30) Elizabeth Foley, Russell Gesling, Brock McMunn   **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Keiko Hayashi (11:00) Joy Albrecht   **Ushers:** (8:30) Jiro & Keiko Hayashi (11:00) Jody Fuller   **Lector:** (8:30) Premoj Thomas (11:00) Yoshimitsu Nakao (**Readings:** Jer. 2:4-13; Ps. 81:1, 10-16; Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14)   **Nursery:** (11:00) Isaku Murakami   **Childcare:** (11:00) TBA   **Greeters:** TBA   **Coffee Hosts:** TBA   **Flowers:** Dima Kato

COUNCIL OPENINGS: We have several vacant positions on our church Council. Those interested in serving TUC as an elder, please call Scott Carroll (3486-2647) or Jean Pengosro (3407-7697), Nominating Team elders.

PART-TIME POSITIONS AT TUC: **Children's Ministry Director** - Do you love children and have a heart for the gospel? Were you ever a child yourself? Would you like to see the children of TUC grow in their Christian faith, and do you have the energy and vision to make that happen? Those with patience, imagination, energy and experience working with children are encouraged to get more information. **Youth Ministry Director** - With the assistance of a devoted and talented group of parents and young adults, this person will have the opportunity to plan and implement programs as diverse as the interests of the youth – everything from mission trips to ice-skating to spiritual retreats. Please speak with Pastor Craig for details.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: The sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Please contact Suresh Kukde (3752-6919 or 090-3345-1898) for more information if you are volunteering for the first time or are interested in this ministry.

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.

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.

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.

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. 22 (Sun)	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 am</b>	Worship
	9:45 am	Adult Education Class (Sanctuary)
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>New Members' Class (2F)</b>
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Council Mtg.</b>
Aug. 26 (Thu)	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)
.	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Aug. 29 (Sun)	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 am</b>	Worship
	9:45 am	Adult Education Class (Sanctuary)
	12:00 pm	Outreach Mtg. (Library)

<Next New Members' Class: Sep. 19 at 12:30 pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom>

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