

Tokyo Union Church
August 29, 2004 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

"Cannon in D Major" by J. Pachelbel

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

(Please Stand; ** Late Seating)*

(8:30) INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sing aloud to God our strength, shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

People: Raise a song, sound the tambourine, on lyre and harp make melody to God.

Pastor: Let us offer to God our sacrifice of praise, for you alone are worthy.

People: For you, O God, declared never to forsake us. So we sing with joy and will not be afraid.

**OPENING HYMN 361

"How Firm a Foundation "

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of tender care, like a mother, you have fed and defended us, protecting us from that which would destroy, blessing us with abundant fruitfulness. Yet we live as though we were self-sufficient, leaning on our own understanding, rather than trusting you with all our heart. Show us your mercy in Christ Jesus. Forgive our stubborn ingratitude; empower us to live by your Spirit in confident assurance that your designs for us are best, your provisions most bountiful, and your glory our greatest joy.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 2:4-13 (OT p. 699)

Lector: (8:30) Tom Postema (11:00) Yoshimitsu Nakao

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Pastor Craig Hunter

Preschool-kindergarten ages may go to the 2nd floor classroom at this time.

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

HYMN 324

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1-14 (NT p. 77)

SERMON

"Bowling Up"

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Ho Chi Minh City Child Welfare Foundation, Vietnam**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Anthem "Lord, How Majestic Is Your Holy Name" by A. Vivaldi

Sanctuary Choir

(11:00) 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!**

THE APOSTLES' CREED – **Ecumenical** (Hymnal p. 14)

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

During Communion

Hymn 356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

(11:00) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION & QUESTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor: Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you depend upon Him for salvation as it is offered in the gospel?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise that, relying on the help of the Holy Spirit, you will endeavor to live as a follower of Christ?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Will you continue to grow as a Christian and seek to know and do the will of God as taught in the Bible?

New Members: I will.

Pastor: Will you be loyal to the church of Christ, wherever you are, and will you support this church by your prayers, presence, gifts, and service?

New Members: I will.

COVENANT OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Do you, the members of this congregation, welcome these disciples who have witnessed to their faith in Jesus Christ, and promise by your fellowship to strengthen their ties with the household of God?

Congregation: We do. With joy and thanksgiving we renew our covenant with God and with each other, as we welcome you into this Christian fellowship. With you we dedicate our lives and our church to the work of the Kingdom of God.

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 357

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

*BENEDICTION

*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

“Toccata in C Major” by J. Pachelbel

Ho Chi Minh City Child Welfare Foundation, Vietnam: HCWF ministers to local street children and provides shelter for girls who have been sexually abused. HCWF also supports programs for disabled, disadvantaged and malnourished children, provides pre-natal and post-natal education for needy mothers, and offers community-based child and family support services.

Today's 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 **Nursery:** (11:00) Tamako Bunting **Flowers:** Dima Kato, in thanksgiving to God.

THE KOINONIA & OPEN CIRCLE NEWSLETTERS are ready! Please pick them up in the lobby **today**, so that we can save the postage.

TODAY 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.

RALLY DAY: Next Sunday, Sep. 5. Tables promoting the activities of TUC's ministry teams are part of our annual Rally Day. If your ministry team would like to have an information booth, please contact Mary Foster (jasmine@tkb.att.ne.jp) **by Aug. 31.**

WOMEN'S SOCIETY MONTHLY PROGRAM/COFFEE: Thursday, **Sep. 2**, starting coffee at **9:30 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.

NEW PEW CUSHION COLOR - Last Chance to Vote! In June the congregation had an opportunity to give their opinion on the fabric color for the new pew cushions. Another opportunity will be provided between the 8:30 and 11:00 services **next Sunday, Sep. 5**, in the TUC sanctuary. The cushions will be ordered as soon as we have received donations for at least ½ of the 95 cushions needed.

ACOLYTE (WORSHIP ASSISTANT) TRAINING for 3rd - 6th graders will be held in the TUC sanctuary **next Sunday, Sep. 5**, at 9:45 am. All children interested in serving as an acolyte for a worship service during the Advent or Easter seasons **must** attend the training session. Acolyte duties include lighting the candles, carrying the processional cross, and taking the offering up to the altar. For more information, please contact Nancy Pierson (3721-0991) or Joy Albrecht (3453-8664.)

EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: Next Sunday, Sep. 5, 4:00 pm, with Holy Communion. Speaker: Beth Huse.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: Saturday, **Sep. 11**, 8:30-10:00am, at Andersen's Restaurant near the church. RSVP to Brock McMunn (Tel/Fax: 03-3582-7463) or the church office **by Tuesday, Sep. 7** for the breakfast.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Sep. 12, at 12:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by those who participated in the church trip to Turkey in July.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY **Communion:** (8:30) Jody Fuller, John Mullins, Alan Sorba (11:00) Paul Fukuda, David Stuchbury, John Visher **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Keiko Hayashi (11:00) Masako Yumiba, Kaoru Shikata **Ushers:** (8:30) Jiro & Keiko Hayashi (11:00) TBA
Lector: (8:30) Russell Gesling (11:00) David Stuchbury **Readings:** Jer. 18:1-11; Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18; Philem. 1-21; Luke 14:25-33)
Nursery: (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Childcare:** (11:00) TBA **Greeters:** TBA **Coffee Hosts:** TBA **Flowers:** Stephen & Haruko Burton-Lewis

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.

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 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. 29 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Adult Education Class (Sanctuary)
	12:30 pm	Outreach Mtg. (Library)
Sep. 2 (Thu)	9:30 am	WS Monthly Program/Coffee (B1)
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Sep. 3 (Fri)	1:00 pm	Altar Guild (2F)
	5:00 pm	Preschool Open House & Potluck Supper (B1/2F)
Sep. 5 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Evening Praise Service

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

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