

Tokyo Union Church
September 20, 2009 at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

"Cantilena in F Major"

J. G. Rheinberger

(* Please Stand; ◇◇ Late Seating)

(8:30) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Pastor: We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

People: But we are looking to the future, not the past.

Pastor: Our God is also God of the future. The God who was with our ancestors will be with us as we move into this new week of life.

People: Then we can go forward in hope. Whatever else fails, God remains faithful.

**All: Let us worship the one, true God who calls us into a future filled with hope!
Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, who has conquered death and offers us life abundant and life eternal!**

*(8:30) HYMN OF CELEBRATION – No. 466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*(11:00) SONGS OF CELEBRATION "Agnus Dei"

Alleluia, Alleluia

For our Lord God Almighty reigns (X2)

Alleluia Holy, Holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb

You are Holy

Holy are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb

Amen

"How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,

let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,

and trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

Chorus: **How great is our God, sing with me,**

how great is our God, all will see,

how great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,

beginning and the end, beginning and the end.

The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,

the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Bridge: **Name above all names, worthy of all praise,**

my heart will sing how great is our God.

Chorus:

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Praying together)

Almighty and Eternal God, we thank you that you have not left us alone in our sin and despair. Loving us, you have brought us the good news of your Son, and set before us the way of life in his name. Yet we confess that so often we have failed to see and follow your way. In stubborn pride we have turned our backs on your mercy and your help. In selfishness we have turned away from those who need us. We have allowed ourselves to be crushed by troubles, acting as if Christ had never been raised from death to life. Forgive our faithlessness, O Lord, and grant that we may receive the new life and the new hope that you offer us, in the spirit of resurrection. In the blessed name of Christ, our Savior, we pray. (silent prayers of confession). Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Please remain standing to sing the Response to Forgiveness.)

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*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS - "How Great Thou Art" (Refrain only)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Karla Watauchi

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Preschool-kindergarten ages 3-7 may go to the 4th floor classroom at this time.

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

SHARING NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Stewardship Ministry Team

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

In the name of the Lord, we warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers to Tokyo Union Church.

Visitors please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering bag.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:17-27; 38-44 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 99)

Lectors: (8:30) Jody Fuller (11:00) Van Hmun Lian

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 759)

SERMON

"Valley of Hope"

Pastor Barry Dawson

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Praying today for **Assistance for Aid & Relief, Wheelchair Project for People with Disabilities, Laos**)

The Lord's Prayer – **Ecumenical**

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 for ever. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Anthem

(11:00) Offertory

"Dry Bones"

"Arise"

Sanctuary Choir

EPS Team

Verse: **One thing we ask of you
That as we worship you
Arise, Arise, Arise, Arise**

**One thing that we desire
Lord come and fill out lives**

Chorus: **Arise, take your place
Arise, king of kings**

**Be enthroned on our praise
Holy God as we sing**

Arise

Arise

Verse Chorus

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Hymn No. 591

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

(8:30) THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(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。聖餐はご家族・友人と一緒に受けられます。)

Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (praying together)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, so that we may faithfully share the hope of the Risen Christ with all whom we meet. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*(8:30) HYMN OF DEDICATION – No. 379 (verses 1, 3) “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*(11:00) SONG OF DEDICATION “Trading My Sorrows” EPS Team

**I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.**

(Chorus) **Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord,
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen!**

**I am pressed but not crushed, Persecuted, not abandoned;
Struck down but not destroyed.**

**I am blessed beyond the curse, For His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength.**

Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes with the morning.

*BENEDICTION

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

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

POSTLUDE

“Fughetta in A Major”

J. G. Rheinberger

NEXT EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: October 4th at 4:00 pm. Speaker: Pastor Barry Dawson

Assistance for Aid & Relief (AAR), Wheelchair Project for People with Disabilities, Laos: The Wheelchair Project provides wheelchairs and hand-pumped tricycles to impoverished children and adults disabled largely due to diseases, disorders, accidents or unexploded bombs. It also promotes the social integration of people with disabilities in Laos.

A WARM WELCOME to our newcomers and visitors! We invite you to the coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall after the 11 am service, so we can greet you personally. **THE NEXT NEW MEMBER'S ORIENTATION CLASS** will be held on **October 18th** from **12:30 - 2:30 pm**, in the 2F classroom. A light lunch is included. We invite anyone who is interested in joining TUC.

YOU CAN SUPPORT TUC'S MISSION TEAM TO KENYA with (1) your prayers, (2) financial contributions to fund a “share” of the team's expenses, and (3) purchasing a delicious foods at the Kenya Mission Trip Fundraising Table in the Lobby before/after the worship services TODAY.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Please pick up your Offering Statement (through July) in the Lobby TODAY.

LET'S WATCH A BIBLE MOVIE DVD OF MATTHEW TOGETHER at Basic Bible Study class on Sundays (~ Oct. 18) from 9:45 am at the 4F Library. For more information contact Hisashi Yukimoto, at hisashiy2000@yahoo.co.jp.

CHRISTIANITY IN JAPAN: IMPACTS AND RESPONSES during the Sunday school hour, the two week mini-course by Dr. Mark Mullins, continuing some of the key developments in the history of Christianity in Japan. Please join us as we look at Christianity within the larger context of Japanese religious history, review the impact of Catholic and Protestant mission churches during the modern period, and consider the diverse Japanese responses to these transplanted “Western” forms of Christianity. Dr. Mullins, author and co-author of a number books on religion in modern societies, is a professor of Sophia University. Location: 2F classroom.

LET'S FIND OUR ROOTS IN TSUKIJI TODAY! The Communication Ministry Team is organizing a tour to the ex-Tsukiji Foreigners Settlement area and the original TUC site where St. Luke International Hospital/St. Luke Tower are located in the east of the Tsukiji Fish Market! (See the poster in the Lobby for details). Meet in the Lobby at 12:30 pm.

TUC ALPHA COURSE will start on Friday, **October 2** at 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Before the course starts, there will be Alpha Introduction Dinner on Saturday, **September 26th** at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more info on the ALPHA COURSE, please contact: Suzie Kim at suziekim530@yahoo.co.jp (090-4201-0530).

DID JESUS EVER LAUGH? Beginning September 27, this 3-week Adult Education course will explore this question and also look at other topics related to Christianity and humor. The class will be taught by Dr. Richard Gardner, professor and former dean at Sophia University. Please join us in the 2F classroom from 9:45-10:45 am. For more information, contact Pastor Matt at astpastr@gol.com.

MOM'S GROUP meets once a month to discuss various issues surrounding motherhood, geared toward mothers with children ages 0-12. This school-year, we will be using the MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) curriculum to improve our relationships with those around us. Come and join us for our first meeting on **Thursday, Sept 24**, in the B1 Fellowship Hall from 9:30 -11:30 am. Free childcare is provided. Please email us for childcare reservation and for any other information. tucws.mops@gmail.com (in English or in Japanese)

MOM'S GROUP is looking for several individuals in our planning committee! (1) a loving person to organize the childcare during our monthly meetings (Thursdays toward the end of the month). Responsibilities include helping to staff childcare (9:30 –11 am during meetings), organize mom-children's activities (11 – 11:30 during meetings). (2) a bilingual person, who can translate mainly from English to Japanese to accommodate Japanese mothers that attend the meetings which are conducted in English. If interested, please email the same email address above.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY – Thurs. Morning Bible Study has begun a 6-week session on Patience! Please join us (session #2 meets on Thurs. Oct 1). We meet in 2F classroom from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Please email us for childcare reservation. Betsy Skarecky (betsy@skarecky.com) & Tomomi Kumagai (tomomik1@yahoo.com)

TUC THEOLOGY READING GROUP will meet in October (date: TBD) to discuss the book "The Shack" by William P. Young. If you would like to join us or for more information, contact Peter Mathies at peter.mathies@gmail.com

THE TUC ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT will be held from **October 9-11, 2009** at Megumi Chalet, Christian Conference Center, Karuizawa, Nagano. The retreat flyers and sign-up sheet are available in the Lobby. For more information, please contact Suresh Kukde, 090-3345-1898 or (03) 3752-6919 or kukde@tka.att.ne.jp

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING plan this year's TUC Church Retreat (Oct. 9-11)? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Pastor Matthew at astpastr@gol.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: We are continuing our search for a new, part-time (25-30 hours per month) Middle School Youth Ministry Director. This person would work with the Associate Pastor, the Youth Elder, and the Youth Ministry Team in leading programs for our middle school youth. Please contact Janelle Odate at jmodate@mx.catv.ne.jp.

TODAY'S Communion: (8:30) Russell Gesling **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Jody Fuller (11:00) Carmen Tamba **Greeters:** (11:00) Atsuko Yamaguchi **Ushers:** (8:30) Richard & Kay Gebben, Fujino Kayanuma (11:00) Sam Mchombo, Chika Eto, Hannah Galvez, David Stuchbury **AV Operator:** (8:30) Maki Yamamoto (11:00) Joel Chestnutt **Children's Church:** (11:00) Stephanie Kim **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Flowers:** Suzie Kim, donated by Prout family, in celebration of Carol's and Pete's 50 years of marriage.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: Communion: (8:30) Peter Mathies, David Stuchury **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Keiko Hayashi (11:00) Junko Takahashi **Lectors:** (8:30) Jean Pengosro (11:00) Manna Konishi **Greeters:** (8:30) TBA (11:00) John M. Furuki, Reika Sakai **Ushers:** (8:30) Gesling Family (11:00) Paul Fukuda, Ramamonjinson Rindranirina **AV Operator:** (8:30) Ikuko Omori (11:00) TBA **Nursery:** (11:00) Kyoko Tsugamura **Flowers:** Donna Faunteroy (donation), TBA (arrangement)

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

Sept. 20 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	"Christianity in Japan" (2F)
	9:45 am	Adult Baptism Class (B1 WS Office)
	10:00 am	Kenya MissionTrip Team Mtg. (Pastor Barry's Office)
	12:30 pm	Evangelism Ministry Team Mtg. (2F)
	12:30 pm	Tour to Tsukiji (Meet in the Lobby)
	1:00 pm	Young Adults Group (B1)
Sept. 21 - 23		National Holiday (Church Office Closed)
Sept. 22 (Tue)	<u>By Noon</u>	Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline
Sept. 23 (Wed)	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Sept. 24 (Thu)	9:00 am	MOPS (B1 & Nursery)
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)
Sept. 25 (Fri)	7:30 pm	Alpha Prayer Mtg. (Library)
Sept. 26 (Sat)	6:00 pm	Alpha Introduction Dinner (B1)
Sept. 27 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School Starts
	9:45 am	Adult Baptism Class 3 (B1 WS Office)
	9:45 am	"Did Jesus Ever Laugh?" (2F)
	1:00 pm	Young Adults Group (B1)

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