

***Tokyo Union Church***  
***September 27, 2009 at 8:30 am & 11:00 am***

PRELUDE

“Andante Tranquillo”

Mendelssohn

(\* Please Stand; ◇◇ Late Seating)

(11:00) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)                      adapted from Psalm 36

Pastor: You are worthy of our worship, O Lord, for your steadfast love extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep.**

Pastor: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.**

**All: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright in heart! Amen.**

\*(8:30) HYMN OF CELEBRATION – No. 477 (Vs. 1, 3, 4)

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

\*(11:00) SONGS OF CELEBRATION      “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.**

**To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your pow’r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy.**

**Holy, holy, holy, (3 times)**

“Speak, O Lord”

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today.  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us.  
All Your purposes, for Your glory.**

**Teach us Lord full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built,  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Praying together)

**Almighty Lord, we humble our hearts before you now, seeking your forgiveness for the sins we have committed:**

**For foolishly burying your will for us under layers of busyness and denial...**

**For carelessly ignoring you in favor of the television, the computer, and the worries of the day...**

**For stubbornly wasting multiple opportunities each day to serve you and love others...**

**God of restoration, cleanse us of our many sins. In your mercy, free us from the burden of trying to live apart from you. Bring us patience, bring us understanding, and bring us peace in all circumstances through faithful communion with you. We pray in the name of Christ, our Lord. (silent prayers of confession) Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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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!**

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

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Pastor Matthew Hardin

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*Preschool-kindergarten ages 3-7 may go to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 MINISTRY – 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 visitors card and place it in the offering bag.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6:7-10 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 180)

Lectors: (8:30) Jean Pengosro (11:00) Manna Konishi

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11 (Pew Bible, NT, p.110)

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Hardin

(11:00) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

QUESTIONS TO THE NEW MEMBER CLASS

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.**

## WORDS OF GREETING

### HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP

“We Are One in the Spirit” (verse 1)

**We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord.**

**We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord.**

**And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.**

(Refrain) **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Praying today for **Philippine Self Help Foundation, Philippines**)

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 OUR TITHES & OFFERING

(8:30) Meditative Music

Junko Sasaki, organ

(11:00) Anthem

“Dry Bones”

Sanctuary Choir

\* 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

SHARING 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

Junko Sasaki, organ

### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (praying together)

**Almighty God, you have lovingly created us, mercifully redeemed us, and graciously called us to a life of faith. Through your Son, you have given our weary souls rest and fed us with the bread of life. With renewed spirits, we in turn give you our thanks and praise. Send us out now to spread the good news of your salvation, hope, and compassion to all the world. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“How Can I Keep from Singing” (See insert)

\*BENEDICTION

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

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

### POSTLUDE

“March”

G . F . Handel

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

**PHILIPPINE SELF HELP FOUNDATION (PSHF), PHILIPPINES:** The mission of the PSHF is to provide poor families with micro-loans which enable them to develop a wide range of livelihood projects such as handicrafts, cooking, vending, furniture making, fishing, and farming.

**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 Sunday, 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 delicious foods at the Kenya Mission Trip Fundraising Table in the Lobby before/after the worship services 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](mailto:hisashiy2000@yahoo.co.jp).

**DID JESUS EVER LAUGH?** Beginning today, 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](mailto:astpastr@gol.com).

**TUC ALPHA COURSE** will start on Friday, **October 2** at 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more info on the ALPHA COURSE, please contact: Suzie Kim at [suziekim530@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:suziekim530@yahoo.co.jp) (090-4201-0530).

**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](mailto:betsy@skarecky.com)) & Tomomi Kumagai ([tomomik1@yahoo.com](mailto:tomomik1@yahoo.com))

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:kukde@tka.att.ne.jp)

**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](mailto:jmodate@mx.catv.ne.jp).

**TODAY'S 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:** (11:00) John M. Furuki, Reika Sakai **Ushers:** (8:30) Gesling Family (11:00) Paul Fukuda, Ramamonjinson Rindranirina **AV Operator:** (8:30) Ikuko Omori **Nursery:** (11:00) Kyoko Tsugamura **Flowers:** Yuko Horiuchi, donated by Donna Faunterley for her son's birthday.

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: Communion:** (8:30) TBA **Altar Guild:** TBA **Lectors:** (8:30) Jiro Hayashi (11:00) Marli Meyer **Greeters:** TBA **Ushers:** TBA **AV Operator:** (8:30) Ikuko Omori (11:00) TBA **Children's Church:** TBA **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Flowers:** Keiko Sasaki (donation), Chika Eto (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**

E-mail:[tuc@gol.com](mailto:tuc@gol.com)  
<http://www.tokyounion.org>

**Sept. 27 (Sun) 8:30 & 11:00 am** Worship  
9:45 am Sunday school  
9:45 am "Did Jesus Ever Laugh?" (2F)  
9:45 am Property & Use Ministry Team Mtg. (Balcony)  
1:00 pm Young Adults Group (B1)

**Sept. 28 (Mon)** WS Fall Class starts

**Sept. 29 (Tue) By Noon** Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline  
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (2F)  
7:30 pm Strategic Planning Task Force Mtg.

**Sept. 30 (Wed)** 7:00 pm Admin Mtg.  
7:30 pm Prayer Group Mtg. (2F) (

**Oct. 1 (Thu)** 10:30 am WS Monthly Program (Coffee at 9:30 am)  
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (3F)

**Oct. 2 (Fri)** 6:45 pm Alpha Course Starts (B1)

**Oct. 3 (Sat)** Council Retreat/Meeting (@TUC)

**Oct. 4 (Sun) 8:30 & 11:00 am** Worship (World Communion Sunday)  
9:45 am Sunday School  
1:00 pm Young Adults Group (B1)  
4:00 pm Evening Praise Service

## **Ministers: The TUC Congregation**

**Pastor**  
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**Today's Organist**  
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