

Tokyo Union Church
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2009 at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

“Fugue in D Minor”
(* Please Stand; ◇◇ Late Seating)

J. Pachelbel

(11:00) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Pastor: God has poured out the Spirit upon people from every nation on earth.

People: The Holy Spirit has kindled faith in Jesus Christ from Jamaica to Japan, from South Africa to Singapore.

Pastor: The Spirit of Christ's Church is empowering disciples from India to Indonesia, from Korea to Kenya.

People: Today we come to declare our oneness with Christians throughout the world, to celebrate the unity that we share in Christ our Lord.

All: Let us worship God with joyful praises, as we prepare to come to Christ's table in a spirit of world communion!

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION – No. 341 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”
(Verse 1 – English, Verse 2 – Korean, Verse 3 – English)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Praying together)

Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our human sisters and brothers. Too often we have closed our ears to voices of pain when they speak in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that people living in places we call “foreign” are certainly your children, even as we are. Sometimes we cling to our prejudices as if we had a special claim on truth. Gracious God, forgive us, and renew a right spirit within us, a spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility. Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ, so that in our communion with you and with one another, people all around us may see a sign of your love for the world. Through Christ, our Hope, we pray. (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 (Tune: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”)

**You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Pastor Barry Dawson

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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

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.*

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR

– Karla Watauchi

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:20-26 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 105)

Lectors: (8:30) Jiro Hayashi (11:00) Marli Meyer

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 1:10-17 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 155)

SERMON

“From I and Me, To Us and We”

Pastor Barry Dawson

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Praying today for **Harvest International Ministries, India**)

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

Miwako Horii, organ

(11:00) Anthem

"Let Joyful Anthems Rise"

Sanctuary Choir

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Hymn No. 391 "Take My Life" (verse 6 only)

Take my love; my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

* Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - WORLD COMMUNION LITURGY

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE (Responsively)

Pastor: People will come from Mumbai and Melbourne, from San Salvador and St. Petersburg, and sit at Christ's table this day.

People: People will come from Los Angeles and Lagos, from Toronto and Tokyo, and be filled at Christ's table today.

Pastor: The Risen Christ invites us to come to his table, to join our sisters and brothers from around the globe, as we eat bread broken in love and drink deep from his cup of salvation.

People: Come, let us taste the bread of heaven and be filled with the new wine of Christ! Come, let us join with Christians around the world as we celebrate Christ's feast of life and joyfully sing our thanksgiving to God!

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for your presence in our midst as we gather in praise and thanksgiving to you.

Response: [Congregation Singing] "In Christ There Is No East or West" - Hymn No. 439 (v.1)

(May be sung in English or Japanese)

In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;

But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

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Pastor: Creator God, you made humankind in your image, with great diversity in our appearances, languages, cultures, and with abundant talents and gifts. We give you thanks that you count each person as your beloved child, and consider each one to be beautiful in your sight.

Response: [Congregation singing] "In Christ There Is No East or West" - Hymn No. 439 (v.3)

Join hands, disciples of the faith, What –e'er your race may be.

All children of the living God Are surely kin to me.

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Pastor: We thank you for sending Jesus Christ to live among us. In his time on earth, Jesus reached out to all persons: poor and rich; children, women, and men; sick and marginalized. He taught us to do the same. And he gave us this meal to remember him. Taking a loaf of bread, giving thanks, he broke it and said: "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: In the same way, he took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Response: [Congregation singing] "In Christ There Is No East or West" - Hymn No. 439 (v.2)

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find;

His service is the golden cord Close binding humankind.

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Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on the table spread this day around the globe, and here spread with breads from around the world. May all who partake, wherever they live, know the reconciling love of Jesus Christ. May your church go forth from communion with you to be one in Christ and one in witness to the world. In your Holy name we pray.

Response: [Congregation singing] "In Christ There Is No East or West" – Hymn No. 439 (v. 4)
***In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him, Throughout the whole wide earth.***
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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 choose 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。)

(8:30) Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

(11:00) Congregational Singing During Communion

"Sanctuary" (sing 2 times)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

"You Are My All in All"

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the Treasure that I seek, You are my All in All.

Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my All in All!

(Refrain) **Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name. (repeat)**

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless Your name. You are my All in All.
When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my All in All.**

(Refrain)

"Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

1. **Sing Alleluia to the Lord**
2. **In Christ the world has been redeemed**
3. **His resurrection sets us free**
4. **Therefore we celebrate the feast**
5. **Sing Alleluia to the Lord**

"Change My Heart, O God" (sing twice)

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.
You are the Potter, I am the clay; Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray. Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.**

"Bless the Lord, My Soul" (sing multiple times)

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

"Glorify Thy Name"

**Father, we love You, we worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Jesus, we love You, Spirit, we love You,**

"To God Be the Glory" (Refrain only)

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory To God be the glory, for the things He has done.
With his blood He has saved me; with his power he has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things He has done.**

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND FOR OUR SERVICE IN THE WORLD (Praying together)

Most loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup which makes us one with Christ and will all peoples of your world. Strengthen us and fill us with your grace through the sacrament of His body and blood, that we may go forth into the world to serve with love and joy in your life-giving Kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION "We Are Marching in the Light of God" - "Siyahamba" (A hymn from South Africa)
(8:30) Verses 1 and 4 only

1. **We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oh,**

We are marching in the light of God.

2. We are praying... 3. We are dancing... 4. We are singing... 5. We are marching....

*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

"Toccatà in G Minor"

J. Pachelbel

NEXT EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: TODAY at 4:00 pm. Speaker: Pastor Barry Dawson (with Holy Communion)

Harvest International Ministries, India: A project by a pastor-evangelist couple in a poor area of Mumbai (Bombay) to meet some of the needs of those living in poverty, and through these efforts, to share the Gospel.

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. We invite anyone who is interested in joining TUC.

FRIENDS OF TUC who attend church on a regular basis but are not members, if would like to have a printed name tag made, there will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby following the worship service TODAY.

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.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE TUC ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT! **October 9-11, 2009** at Megumi Chalet, Christian Conference Center, Karuizawa, Nagano. The retreat flyers and sign-up sheet are available in the Lobby.

DID JESUS EVER LAUGH? This 3-week Adult Education course explores 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.

TUC ALPHA COURSE has just started on Friday at 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more info on the ALPHA COURSE, please contact: Suzie Kim at suziekim530@yahoo.co.jp (090-4201-0530).

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: It is with great joy that the Youth Ministry Team announces that Karla Watauchi has been called to serve as TUC's new Middle School Youth Ministry Director! Karla has accepted this position in addition to serving as the Children's Ministry Director. Please join us in praying for God's blessing upon Karla and the Middle School Youth Program.

TODAY'S Altar Guild: (8:30) Keiko Hayashi (11:00) Nobuko Gaine & Dima Kato Gebben (11:00) Sam Mchombo, David Faber, Carmen Tamba, Tomoka Tasaka
Ushers: (8:30) Janet Takeyama, Dick & Kay
AV Operator: (8:30) Maki Yamamoto (11:00) David
Joel Chestnut **Children's Church:** (8:30) Susan Prout (11:00) Jamee Jones, Meera Singh, Stephanie Kim
Nursery: (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Flowers:** Chika Eto, donated by Keiko Sasaki, in memory of her mother.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: Communion: (8:30) TBA **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Jody Fuller (11:00) Nobuko Gaine
Lectors: (8:30) Dima Kato (11:00) John Visher **Greeters:** TBA **Ushers:** (8:30) Kwangil Park, Yoojeong Heo (11:00) David & Donna Faber, Linda Hirata, David Stuchbury **AV Operator:** TBA **Children's Church:** (8:30) Susan Prout (11:00) Shumirai, Stephanie Kim **Nursery:** (11:00) Toshiko Carroll **Flowers:** Hirayama Family (donation), Yuko Horiuchi(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

Oct. 4 (Sun) **8:30 & 11:00 am** Worship(World Communion Sunday)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Mission Trip to Kenya Mtg.
1:00 pm Young Adults Group (B1)
4:00 pm Evening Praise Service
(Speaker: Pastor Barry Dawson)

Oct. 6 (Tue) 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (2F)
By Noon Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline

Oct. 7 (Wed) 7:30 pm Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)

Oct. 8 (Thu) 9:30 am Mom's Bible Study (2F)
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (3F)

Oct. 9 (Fri) Congregational Retreat (@Megumi Chalet)
6:45 pm Alpha Course Starts (B1)

Oct. 11 (Sun) **8:30 & 11:00 am** Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
12:45 pm Outreach Mtg. (L)
1:00 pm Young Adult Group

Clothes Drive for the Homeless Neighbors (~11/6)

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