

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

PRELUDE

"Lovely"

V. Williams

(* Please Stand; ◇◇ Late Seating)

(11:00) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Liturgists: (8:30) Rika Nakajima (11:00) Jean Wilson

Leader: As we gather together this morning we form the body of Christ, worshiping together as one community.

People: We are a community of believers seeking help for our unbelief, a community of sinners seeking new beginnings.

Leader: We are a community of questioners seeking answers, a community of the Lord's redeeming seeking a deeper relationship with Him.

People: We are a community of God's people, sharing joys and concerns, doubts and convictions.

Leader: Let us enter God's holy presence with united and open hearts.

All: We are your people, O God, seeking to worship you in faith, in spirit, and in truth. Amen!

*(8:30) HYMN OF CELEBRATION – No. 293

"This Is My Father's World"

*(11:00) SONGS OF CELEBRATION

"Indescribable"

EPS Team

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea

Creation's revealing Your majesty

From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring

Every creature unique in the song that it sings

All exclaiming:

(Chorus 1): **Indescribable, uncontainable**

You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name

You are amazing God

All powerful, untamable

Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim

You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go

Or seen Heavenly storehouses laden with snow

Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light

Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night

None can fathom

(Repeat Chorus 1)

(Last chorus): **Indescribable, uncontainable**

You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name

You are amazing God

Incomparable, unchangeable

You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same

You are amazing God You are amazing God

"There is None Like You"

There is none like You.

No one else can touch my heart like You do.

I could search for all eternity long,

And find there is none like You.

Your mercy flows like a river wide,

Healing comes from Your hand.

Suffering children are safe in Your arms,

There is none like You.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Praying together)

Most holy Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and action: our hearts have harbored impure desires and harmful intentions; our tongues have spoken harsh words and hurtful lies; our daily interactions with others have not witnessed to your call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

God of mercy, we humbly come before you seeking your pardon. We pray that you undo the burden of our sins and restore us in your eyes. By your grace, transform our sinful ways and help us mend the hurt we have caused others. Give us the courage and humility to show Christ-like love to all those you have placed in our lives. Through the power of his name 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 - "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

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

(11:00) MOMENTS FOR MISSION – Outreach Ministry Team (Fall Special Offering/ARI Sunday)

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

Colossians 3:12-17 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 190)

Lectors: (8:30) Dima Kato (11:00) John Visher

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 13:1-13 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 164)

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Hardin

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Praying today for **Projects to Support Refugees from Burma, Thailand**)

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

"Praise Ye the Lord with Song"

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

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)

Lord God, we thank you for renewing our souls with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love. Teach us always to hunger for Him who is the true bread of life. As we set out from this place, remind us to live not according to the standards of this world, but by the example of Jesus Christ, the one who claimed us by his love. In his name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION – “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

- 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.**

- 2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land. (Refrain)**

- 3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride. (Refrain)**

- 4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. (Refrain)**

*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

“Postlude”

J. Nixon

NEXT EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: November 1st at 4:00 pm.

Projects to Support Refugees from Burma (PSRB), Thailand: To support people who have fled the human rights abuses of the Burmese army, specifically those in refugee camps in Thailand, internally displaced people (IDP) in hiding within Burma, and those in Thailand not allowed into refugee camps. PSRB aims to give livelihood opportunities, health care and education, and assist these people to prepare for an eventual return to Burma to help rebuild their country.

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. **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.

PASTOR MATT will be away from Oct. 15th through Oct. 31st, for his study leave and vacation.

YOU CAN SUPPORT TUC’S MISSION TEAM TO KENYA with (1) your prayers and (2) financial contributions to fund a “share” of the team’s expenses. If you would like to make a financial gift, please see Hara-san in the Finance Office today.

EMERGENCY RELIEF: Persons who want to donate to help victims of the recent natural disasters (Philippine, Indonesia, and Samoa) can do so through the church. We will forward these donations to Barnabas Fund. Please use the envelopes marked “Emergency Relief” that are in the pew racks.

TUC ALPHA COURSE meets on Fridays, 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).

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS “The Apostles’ Creed: History and Relevance Today”: Beginning October 18, this four-week Adult Education class will trace the origins of the Apostles’ Creed and place it in its historical context. It will also discuss each phrase of the Creed, with emphasis on its relevance and application to our lives today. Part of the course curriculum is a DVD featuring interviews from an international and interdenominational cast of notable theologians, each speaking to the timeless power and importance of the Creed. This class will be taught by Brother Charles Kowalski, Order of Ecumenical Franciscans (kowalski@tbd.t-com.ne.jp). Location 2F, from 9:45-10:45 am starting Oct. 18 and concluding Nov. 8.

ATTENTION MOMS/WOMEN: Join us for an exciting time of learning and fellowship, as we start our Sunday morning Bible study on October 25th. This four week class will study the theme of "friendship" from the book, "Gaining and Being a Friend", by Jean E. Syswerda. We will meet in the church office conference room from 10:00 am to 10:45 am, and the session will be conducted in Japanese and English. For more information and background reading material, please contact Rika Nakajima at rika.nakajima@macquarie.com.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY – Thurs. Morning Bible Study has begun a 6-week session on Patience! Please join us 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)

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

BIBLE STUDY CO-LEADERS ARE NEEDED for the Basic Bible Study class and a more advanced and new group study of the Bible in overview as part of the TUC Sunday School next year. Contact Hisashi Yukimoto (hisashiy2000@yahoo.co.jp) for more information.

TODAY’S Altar Guild: (8:30) Jody Fuller (11:00) Nobuko Gaine **Ushers:** (8:30) Kwangil Park, Yoojeong Heo (11:00) David & Donna Faber, Linda Hirata, David Stuchbury **Children’s Church:** (8:30) Susan Prout (11:00) Shumirai, Stephanie Kim
Nursery: (11:00) Toshiko Carroll **Flowers:** Yuko Horiuchi, donated by Hirayama Family, in memory of Shoichi Hirayama.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: Communion: ARI **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Jody Fuller (11:00) Michiko Yaegashi
Lectors: ARI **Greeters:** TBA **Ushers:** TBA **AV Operator:** (8:30) Maki Yamamoto (11:00) TBA **Children’s Church:** TBA **Nursery:** Kaoru Hirano **Flowers:** Jean Pengosro (donation & 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. 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 (B1)
Clothes Drive for the Homeless Neighbors (~11/6)
 National Holiday (Church Office Closed)
Oct. 12 (Mon) Women’s Bible Study (2F)
Oct. 13 (Tue) 10:00 am Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline
 By Noon Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Oct. 14 (Wed) 7:30 pm Mom’s Bible Study (2F)
Oct. 15 (Thu) 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (3F)
 6:30 pm Alpha Course (B1)
Oct. 16 (Fri) 6:45 pm Homeless Dinner (B1)
Oct. 17 (Sat) 2:00 pm
ARI Weekend
Oct. 18 (Sun) **8:30 & 11:00 am** Worship (ARI Sunday)
 9:45 am Sunday School
 12:30 pm Children Ministry Team Mtg.
 (WS office & Nursery)
 After 11:00 service Congregational Fellowship Luncheon with ARI
New Members Class (2F)
 1:00 pm Young Adult Group (3F)
 1:40 pm Council Mtg. (2F)

Ministers: The TUC Congregation

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