

Tokyo Union Church
All Saints' Day
November 1, 2009 at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

"What God Does Is Well Done"

M. Reger

(* Please Stand; ◇◇ Late Seating)

(11:00) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) adapted from Psalm 66

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

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise

People: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds. All the earth worships you!"

Leader: Come and see, O people of God, what miracles he has done.

People: He has shed his grace upon us, and delivered us from darkness.

Leader: Come and hear, O People of God, what the Lord has done.

People: He has not rejected our prayers, nor removed his steadfast love from us.

All: Let us worship the Lord, who alone is worthy of our thanks and praise. Amen.

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION – No. 276

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Praying together)

O God, you do not look on our outward appearance, but on our hearts. You know us fully, inside and out, even better than we know ourselves. You see the truth within us:

**the sins we try to ignore and hide;
the impure and selfish motives behind our actions;
the emptiness of our devotion to you.**

Do not reject us, loving God. In your rich mercy please forgive us and cleanse us. Change our hearts and restore to us a strong and steadfast faith. Shed your amazing grace upon us, so that our inner devotion and our outward living may honor the One we call Lord and Savior. We ask this in his name. (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!

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GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Betsy Skarecky

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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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 66 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 499)

Lectors: (8:30) Gwen Grespan (11:00) Stan Olson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Titus 2:11-14 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 202)

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Hardin

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Praying today for **Rainbow Missions, China**)

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

(11:00) Anthem

“Hide Not, Thou Thy Face From Us”

Miwako Horii, organ

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

Miwako Horii, organ

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (praying together)

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup to be his faithful disciples. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear your grace which is among us and within us, so that we may be filled with joy and witness to your redeeming love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION – No. 324

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

*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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

M. Reger

NEXT EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: TODAY at 4:00 pm.

Speakers: YAG (Mana Konishi, Steve Wheeler & Stephanie Lim)

RAINBOW MISSIONS, CHINA: Rainbow Missions works to help blind and other disabled people in Chongqing and elsewhere in China through development of assistive technology, counseling, and direct, personal support for education and employment.

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, November 15th 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 you 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 BARRY is away from Oct. 21st through Nov. 13th for the TUC mission trip to Kenya and Uganda, and a World Vision Conference in Kenya.

TUC MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Please pick up your stewardship packet at the Stewardship Table in the Lobby TODAY.

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS "The Apostles' Creed: History and Relevance Today": This four-week Adult Education class will trace the origins of the Apostles' Creed, place it in its historical context, and 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 is being taught by Brother Charles Kowalski, Order of Ecumenical Franciscans (kowalski@tbd.t-com.ne.jp). Location 2F, from 9:45-10:45 am, and concluding on Nov. 8.

ATTENTION WOMEN: Please join us for our Sunday morning Bible study in the 1F church office conference room from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Find out how the servants in the Bible used their "talents", and how you can cultivate yours! The session will be conducted in Japanese and English. For more information, please contact Rika Nakajima at rika.nakajima@macquarie.com

KCK CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, please come Celebrate the Fall with children from Bott Memorial and Sekoryo Children's Homes. The Middle School Youth Program will host the **Fall Festival** with several crafts booths, a snack table and games from 5 to 6 pm in the B1 Fellowship Hall. From 6 to 7 pm, please feel free to join us for an Arts Ministry presentation in the Sanctuary. See you there!

THE BASIC BIBLE STUDY CLASS of the TUC Sunday School for adults will be cancelled on Sundays, November 8 and 15. The class will be resumed on November 22 from 9:45 am at the 4F Library, and focus on its textbook, *Experience Jesus Today: Understanding the Gospel*.

TUC WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE FOR OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS is now underway through Wednesday, November 18. See the insert for details.

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 more information and childcare reservation. Betsy or Tomomi at tucws.mops@gmail.com

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).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Do you love children? Children's Church needs volunteer helpers and teachers. The program starts immediately after Good News For Kids and meets on the 4th floor for the duration of the worship services. The teacher and helpers prepare the room, lead the circle time discussion and prayer, read the Bible story, help with crafts and games. Simple instructions/suggestions are emailed in advance and materials for the craft are all ready to go. For more information, contact Tomomi (tomomik1@yahoo.com) or Karla (tuc-children@gol.com) or just drop by the 4th floor for a visit!

A "CARE OF CREATION" SEMINAR will be held at TUC on **Nov. 14-15**. Rev. Ed Brown, founder of "Care of Creation" in Limuru, Kenya, will be conducting the seminar that will focus on ways for individual Christians and congregations to make environmental stewardship a priority in our lives. Rev. Brown is a former pastor of an international congregation in Pakistan and also is the author of "*This Is My Father's World*," a book that challenges the Christian Church to take responsibility for caring for God's creation. The seminar will be in the Sanctuary from 1 - 4:15 pm on Nov. 14 (Saturday) and 1 - 3 pm on the 15th. Ed Brown will also talk at the Adult Ed. class at 9:45 am on the 15th. Reservations are not required but it will help to know how many people to expect, so please sign up in the lobby today or next Sunday. For more information, contact Roxanne Bucaria (rbucar25@hotmail.com), Wally Higgins (whiggins@ny.tokai.or.jp), or Hannah Galvez (tucyaq@gmail.com).

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 other prayer requests we receive during the week. Contact Mary Foster at tucprayer@yahoo.com.au with your prayer requests.

AS ONE OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING EFFORTS, ARI is organizing a classic music charity concert in Tokyo on Saturday, November 28, at Meiji Gakuin Chapel in Shirokane, at 6:30 pm. Tickets are available at the white table in the Lobby for Yen 4,500 per person. Buy a few and take your friends with you. Inquire about details with Paul Fukuda, 080-5077-5192, or kiska@inter.net.

TODAY'S Communion: (8:30) Maggie Yamasaki (11:00) Teddy Jennings, Paul Fukuda, Suresh Kukde, Isaku Murakami, Rika Nakajima, Junko Takahashi **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Dima Kato (11:00) Dima Kato, April Morito **Ushers:** (8:30) Janet Takeyama, Stephen Wheeler (11:00) Sam Mchombo, Paul Fukuda **AV Operator:** (8:30) Maki Yamamoto (11:00) Joel Chestnutt, Kane Mitani **Nursery:** Kaoru Hirano **Flowers:** Chika Eto, donated by Jody Fuller, with thanks to God for the blessings of family and in honor of her father's birthday.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: Communion: (8:30) Mary Foster **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Dima Kato (11:00) Nobuko Gaine **Lectors:** (8:30) Reed Maurer (11:00) Linda Singh **Ushers:** (8:30) Janet Takeyama, Clare Ritsuko Nemoto (11:00) Chika Eto, Ramamonjinson Rindranirina, Hasina Razafimahefa, Hisako Sekido **AV Operator:** (8:30) Maki Yamamoto (11:00) Joel Chestnutt, David Fike **Children's Church:** TBA **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Flowers:** TBA (Donation), Kaoru Shikata (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

Nov. 1 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45 am 12:30 pm 4:00 pm	Worship Sunday School Young Adults Group (B1) Evening Praise Service
Nov. 3 (Tue)	<u>By Noon</u>	National Holiday (Church Closed) Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline
Nov. 4 (Wed)	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Nov. 5 (Thu)	9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Mom's Bible Study (2F) Choir Rehearsal (3F) Admin Mtg.
Nov. 6 (Fri)	6:45 pm	Alpha Course (B1)
Nov. 7 (Sat)	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Youth Fall Festival Activity(B1) Art Ministry Performance (S)
Nov. 8 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45 am 12:30 pm 12:30 pm 12:30 pm 12:45 pm	Worship Sunday School Art Ministry Performance (S) Youth Ministry Team Mtg. (B1 WS Office) Young Adults Group (B1) Outreach Mtg. (L)

Clothes Drive for the Homeless Neighbors (~11/18)

<Next New Members Class:

Sunday, November 15th at 12:30 pm in the 2F classroom>

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