

Tokyo Union Church
2nd Stewardship Sunday
November 15, 2009 at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

"Voluntary in A Minor"

Anonymous

(* Please Stand; ◇◇ Late Seating)

(8:30) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Pastor: The earth and all that is in it belongs to God.

People: God has created all things on earth below and in the heavens above.

Pastor: God has established the day and the night, created the seasons, and given us this day to be alive.

All: We praise the Holy God for these many blessings. We open our hands to receive God's good gifts. We offer our lives in gratitude to God. Let us worship God with joyful hearts!

HYMN OF CELEBRATION – No. 430

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Praying together)

Almighty God, you called us to serve you and gave us the gifts of creation and salvation to use in your service. We accepted your call and your gifts, but too often we have kept the gifts for ourselves. You called us to journey with you through life and gave us a vision of a new earth so that we might work to overcome the evils of the world. Instead, we have lagged behind, lost our vision, and become weighed down in our own self-interest.

Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Teach us that our gifts and our visions will decrease if we do not use them and share them. Restore to us the joy of your loving and gracious ways, that we may again become pilgrims on the road of your kingdom, giving thanks among the nations and singing praise in all the earth.
(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 - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Refrain)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

(8:30) Karla Watauchi (11:00) Rev. Ed Brown

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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.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

I Kings 17:8-16 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 309)

Lectors: (8:30) Jody Fuller (11:00) Deborah Nugent

GOSPEL READING Mark 12:41-44 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 47)
EPISTLE READING II Corinthians 9:6-8 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 173)
SERMON "With Joyful Hearts" Pastor Barry Dawson
STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY (8:30) Josephine Lee (11:00) Chris Duffy

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Praying today for Chakhesang Women Welfare Society, 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) Anthem "Thou Knowest, Lord" Sanctuary Choir
(11:00) Meditative Music Miwako Horii, organ

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – No. 464 (Verse 1 only) " Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

* Prayer of Dedication

(8:30) 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 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)

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son who is the true bread of heaven and food of eternal life. As we go forth into the world, we pray that you will fill us with your grace and strengthen us in our service, so that through our daily living we may show you our thanks. Through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION – No. 302 "I Danced in 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 the front of the sanctuary for persons desiring prayer.

NEXT EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: December 6 at 4:00 pm.
Special Pre-Christmas Presentation by Kaori Murakami. Guest Choir: Crystal Beads

Chakhesang Women's Welfare Society, India: The Society provides vocational training programs for women and young adults and operates a food-canning factory that enables poor farmers to prepare their produce for sale. The Society also supports rural development programs by conducting vocational training and health seminars in remote villages.

Next Sunday, November 22
Dedication/Celebration Sunday Worship at 11 am only.
(NO Worship Service at 8:30 am)
Celebration Lunch following the 11 am worship service.
After the Celebration Luncheon, please stay for "Hangìng of the Green Advent Celebration!"

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.

NEW MEMBER'S ORIENTATION CLASS will be held **TODAY** 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.

TUC MEMBERS & FRIENDS: LAST DAY to pick up your stewardship packet at the Stewardship Table in the Lobby!

SPECIAL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY– Guest lecture by Ed Brown from "Care of Creation": The mission of Care of Creation is to pursue a God-centered response to environmental challenges that brings glory to the Creator, advances the cause of Christ, and leads to a transformation of the people and the land that sustains them. Our guest lecturer, Ed Brown, directs Care of Creation and travels extensively leading seminars and preaching on the topic of caring for God's creation. Please join us in the 2F classroom from 9:45-10:45 am TODAY.

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. We will talk about discerning God's call: identifying our gifts and facing our challenges. The session will be conducted in Japanese and English. For more information, please contact Rika Nakajima at rika.nakajima@macquarie.com.

THE BASIC BIBLE STUDY CLASS of the TUC Sunday School for adults will be cancelled on today. 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*.

A "CARE OF CREATION" SEMINAR will be held at TUC **THIS AFTERNOON**. 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 at 1 – 3 pm this afternoon. For more information, talk to Roxanne Bucaria, Wally Higgins, or Hannah Galvez.

THE STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM invites you to participate in a special **DAY OF PRAYER FOR TOKYO UNION CHURCH** on **Thursday, November 19**. On that day you are asked to join in continuous chain prayers for the blessing of God's transforming power on all the ministries, mission projects, leaders, members, and friends of our congregation. You will be asked to commit to pray during a specific 15-minute time period of your choosing on November 19. You may pray whenever and wherever you choose during the Day of Prayer, but if you would like to come to the church, the sanctuary will also be open for prayer from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM on that day. As you pray for our church and its ministries, you are also encouraged to pray for the Spirit's guidance in the stewardship commitments that we will make to God on Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 22nd. Sing up TODAY on the board in the Narthex, the Lobby, or the Fellowship Hall.

TUC WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE FOR OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS is now underway through Wednesday, Nov. 18.

THURSDAY MORNING MOMS BIBLE STUDY: A Bible study of moms (with children of all ages!) meets Thursdays in 2F classroom from 9:45 to 11:15 am. We are currently doing a 6-week session on patience: "Simply Relevant: Relational Bible Studies for Women, Savor the Moment". Childcare is available for 1000 yen, but reservation is required. Please email a request to tucws.mops@gmail.com

NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS - ADVENT 2009: Advent is an opportunity for us to renew our lives of faith and to remember the good news God gives us through Jesus Christ: God is always present with us and by the power of the Holy Spirit Christ is available to us throughout the year. This class will meet Sun. mornings from Nov. 22 - Dec. 20 (9:45-10:45 am) in the 2F Classroom. It will be taught by Pastor Matt and will use the book "Celebrate the Newborn Jesus" which can be purchased for 1000 yen. For more information or to purchase a book, contact Pastor Matt (astpastr@gol.com).

MOMS GROUP (MOPS) meeting is on Thursday, **Nov 26**, 10-11:30 am in B1 Fellowship Hall. Coffee and fellowship from 9:30 am. Using the MOPS curriculum "Life on Planet Mom", we explore how motherhood changes relationships. The November topic is Family! Free childcare is provided but please email a request to tucws.mops@gmail.com. Contact: tucws.mops@gmail.com (in English or Japanese)

THE THANKSGIVING DINNER at TUC on Nov. 28 has been **CANCELED**.

THE AMAZING RACE IS ON!! **Sunday, November 29** after the 11 am service. All Middle School and Sr. High Youth and friends welcome. Sign up sheet on Women' Society Reception Desk in the Lobby. Inquiries: Karla Watauchi at tuc-children@gol.com

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) Teddy Jennings, David Stuchbury **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Kaoru Shikata (11:00) Nobuko Gaine
Ushers: (8:30) Richard Gebben, Kay Gebben (11:00) Paul Fukuda, Hannah Galvez, Clare Ritsuko Nemoto, Russell Gesling
Greeters: (8:30) Paul Chin (11:00) Paul Chin, Pepper Lim, Reika, Suzie Kim **AV Operator:** (8:30) TBA (11:00) Joel Chestnutt,
David Fike **Children's Church:** (8:30) Mary Gebben (11:00) Kari Fike **Nursery:** Kaoru Hirano **Flowers:** Chika Eto, to the glory of God.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: **Altar Guild:** Keiko Hayashi **Lector:** Njikang **Ushers:** Sam Mchombo, Josephine Lee, Min Jin Lee, Chris & Sam Duffy **Greeter:** Pepper Lim **AV Operator:** David Fike, Kane Mitani **Children's Church:** TBA
Nursery: Toshiko Carroll **Flowers:** Naomi Hayashi

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. 15 (Sun) **8:30 & 11:00 am** Worship (2nd Stewardship Sunday)
9:45 am Sunday School
12:30 pm Youth – Lunch Out
12:30 pm Children's Ministry Team Mtg.
(B1 WS Office & Nursery)
12:30 pm Choir – Special Rehearsal (3F)
12:30 pm New Members Class (2F)
1:00 pm Care of Creation Seminar (Sanctuary)
1:50 pm Council Mtg. (B1)
Nov. 17 (Tue) 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (2F)
By Noon Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (2F)
Nov. 18 (Wed) **Last Day of Clothes Drive for the Homeless**
7:30 pm Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Nov. 19 (Thu) **Stewardship Prayer Day**
9:30 am Mom's Bible Study (Library)
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (3F)
Nov. 20 (Fri) 6:45 pm Alpha Course (B1)
Nov. 21 (Sat) AM ~ Alpha Weekend Away (4F)
2:00 pm Homeless Dinner (B1)
Nov. 22 (Sun) 9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship (**Dedication Sunday**)
Fellowship Luncheon
Hanging of the Green Advent Celebration

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