

**TOKYO UNION CHURCH**  
**Easter Worship Services**  
**8:30 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am**  
**April 24, 2011**

The congregation's spoken words are in **bold**, and sung words are in **bold italics**.

\* = Please stand for these parts of the liturgy. Please remain seated at other times.

◇◇ = Seating of Latecomers

**BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE/CELL PHONES, PAGERS, AND ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES** that may produce distracting sounds during worship. Your cooperation will help other worshipers to focus their full attention on God and to participate actively in the service without interruption. You cooperation is appreciated. (携帯電話等の電源は、あらかじめ礼拝の始まる前にお切り下さい。)

**The Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ**

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Tatsuki Kobayashi, trumpet

(8:30 & 11:30) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Pastor: Rejoice, people of faith! Jesus Christ is risen today!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

Pastor: The darkness of despair has been shattered by the new light of hope.

**People: The shadows of death have been conquered by the God of Life.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ is alive!

**People: Christ is alive indeed!**

**All: Let us praise the God of Resurrection! Let us worship God in a spirit of Easter joy!**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

\* HYMN OF CELEBRATION – No. 123

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Praying together)

**Great God of Resurrection Power, we confess that we are people who live in fear. We are afraid of our past, of the exposure of our hidden sins and secrets. We are afraid to take risks of faith in the present moment by seizing the opportunities for new life that you give us. We are afraid of the future, the uncertainties of life and the inevitability of death. God of Easter Truth, break into our lives today with the joyous message that because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ we do not need to live in a house of fear. Remind us that the same mighty strength which you used to raise Christ from death to life is at work in us who believe. Fill us with the good news that because Christ is alive – here and now - we have a living hope – here and now – that is based on what you have done by defeating death through His glorious Easter resurrection. We pray in the name of the Risen Christ, our hope and strength. Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Please greet others with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")*

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (See insert)

"Sing Hallelujah to the Lord" (Verses 1, 2, and 4)

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GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Pastor Matthew Hardin and Karla Watauchi

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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.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

*In the name of the Lord, we warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers to Tokyo Union Church. Visitors, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering bag.*

SHARING NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

I Peter 1:3-9 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 218)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Lector: (8:30) Reed Maurer (10:00) Hiroshi Matsuno (11:30) Hugh Wilkinson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-35 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 84)

Pastor: This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**People: Praise be to our Risen Lord.**

SERMON

“Hope for Little Resurrections”

Pastor Barry Dawson

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Text of The Lord’s Prayer - Traditional)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GIVING OF TITHES, GIFTS, AND SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

(10:00) Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

(8:30 & 11:30) Offertory Anthem “Do You Know He’s Arisen?”

Sanctuary Choir

\* Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Easter Special Offerings – Hymn No.113 (verse 1)

***“Christ the Lord is risen to-day” Al – le – lu – ia!***

***All creation, join to say; Al – le – lu – ia!***

***Raise your joys and tri-umphs high; Al – le – lu – ia!***

***Sing, O heavens, and earth re-ply, Al – le – lu – ia!***

\* Prayer of Dedication (Praying together)

**God of Easter Hope, through Christ’s resurrection you declare to the nations that your power of life is stronger than the power of death. We pray that you will transform these tithes, gifts, and our Easter offerings into messages of Christ’s love. Use these gifts and our prayers to re-build the lives of suffering people in Japan’s Tohoku region and to offer fresh hope through the Ember Kenya Grandparents Empowerment Project. We thank you for the privilege of giving, and with joy in our hearts we dedicate these gifts to the kingdom purposes of the Risen Christ. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

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.**

\* THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING IN CHORAL FORM

(The words printed below will be sung to the tune of “From All That Dwell Below the Skies,” Hymn No. 229.)

**All: *From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator’s praise arise:***

***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Let the Redeemer’s name be sung Through every land, in every tongue.***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Pastor: The night that Jesus was betrayed He blessed and broke the loaf and said,

**People: *Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Pastor: “This is my body here for you, my gift that frees and makes you new.”

**People: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Pastor: Then Jesus also took the cup, after those gathered had all supped.

**People: *Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Pastor: “This is my lifeblood shed for you, the measure of my love for you.”

**People: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Pastor: “Do this,” He said, “till time shall end, in mem’ry of your living Friend.”

**People: *Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Pastor: “Meet at my table and record, the love of your triumphant Lord.”

**People: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**All: *Jesus your feast we celebrate. We eat the food you consecrate.***

***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***We glimpse that glad eternal feast, to which you welcome great and least.***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**All: O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to you let earth accord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run, with Creator and Spirit one.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*(Invitation: All persons who place their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to receive communion. Children are welcome at the table. Their participation depends on their understanding of the sacrament and the decision of their parents. All persons who do not wish to receive communion are still very welcome to come to receive a special blessing from the servers. To show the server that you would like to receive a "blessing," please cross your arms in front of you in an "X shape." Families and friends may choose to stand together as they receive communion.)*

<クリスチャンの方々は当教会員と共に聖餐式にご参加下さい。子供達も参加できます。(聖餐への理解によりますので、ご両親の判断にゆだねます。)聖餐はご家族・友人と一緒に受けられます。聖餐を受けられない方も祝福の祈りを受けることができますので、式典に参加する時にサーバーの前で腕をXに組んで下さい。>

*(Instructions: The ushers will indicate when it is the appropriate time for you to go to the designated serving station. Communion will be served by the method of "intinction" which means that you will dip the bread in the cup of juice and then eat it. As you take a piece of the bread, the server will say to you, "Jesus Christ, the bread of new life." As you dip the bread in the cup, the server will say to you, "Jesus Christ, the new wine of hope." As these words are spoken to you, your appropriate response may be either "Amen," or "Thanks be to God." After you have received communion, then please return to your seat.)*

#### DURING THE RECEIVING OF THE SACRAMENT— Congregation Singing

(8:30, 10:00, 11:30)

"He is Lord"

**He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

**He is King, he is King, he will draw all nations to him; he is King!  
And the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King.**

**He is Love, he is Love, he has shown us by his life that he is Love!  
All his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love.**

**He is Life, he is Life, he has died to set us free, and he is Life!  
And he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life.**

(8:30, 10:00)

"Eat This Bread" (sing 3 times)

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**

(10:00, 11:30)

"In My Life, Lord"

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.  
In our homes, Lord, ..... In your Church, Lord, ..... In your world, Lord, .....**

(11:30)

"O Let the Son of God Enfold You"

**O let the Son of God enfold you With his Spirit and his love  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul**

**O let him have those things that hold you And his Spirit, like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole**

(Refrain) **Jesus, oh Jesus Come and fill your lambs** <Repeat>

**O come and sing this song with gladness As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name**

**O give him all your tears and sadness Give him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name** (Refrain)

(8:30, 10:00, 11:30)

"Seek Ye First"

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

(8:30, 10:00, 11:30)

"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.**

(8:30, 10:00, 11:30)

"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 ...**

(8:30, 10:00, 11:30)

"My Tribute" (To God Be the Glory)

**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)

**We thank you, O God of Easter Joy, that Christ is alive! We thank you that through this sacrament we have celebrated the presence of the Risen One as the Bread of New Life and the New Wine of Hope. Grant that we may go forth into the world now in the name of the Risen Christ, so that his power and love working in us may bring little resurrections to others, all to your honor and glory. Amen.**

- \* HYMN OF DEDICATION (See insert) "Christ Arose!"
- \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 587: **Amen, Amen, Amen.**)
- \* BENEDICTION
- POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful"

TUC Easter Choir

<Please stand as you are able.>

**WE WELCOME YOU TO TOKYO UNION CHURCH** as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ on this Easter morning. Tokyo Union Church (TUC) was founded in 1872 and is an international and ecumenical congregation of English-speaking Christians. The word "union" is used to indicate that the church is composed of Christians from many nations and from numerous denominational expressions of the one, global Church of Christ. Whether you are visiting Tokyo for only a few days or have lived here for years, we extend the same warm welcome to you. May Easter's good news of hope and new life fill your heart today!

**TODAY IS THE SAYONARA SUNDAY FOR KARLA WATAUCHI**, TUC's Director of Children's and Middle School Ministries, who is stepping down from her position to relocate to the United States this week. If you would like to express your thanks and warm wishes to Karla, she will be available to greet you in the Fellowship Hall after each of today's Easter worship services.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A LOVING, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN TOKYO?** We invite you to explore becoming an active member of Tokyo Union Church. You may indicate your interest in the church or request additional information by filling in one of the visitor cards that are found in the pew racks. Please place the completed form in the offering bag today. Our **NEXT NEW MEMBER'S ORIENTATION CLASS** will be held on **Sunday, May 8** (1<sup>st</sup> session) at 12:30 pm in the 2F classroom. A snack will be provided. We invite anyone who is interested in joining TUC. **To sign-up for the classes, please contact April Morito (Membership Elder) at [aprille\\_1289@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:aprille_1289@yahoo.co.jp).**

**OUR THANKS TO THE MUSICIANS** who have blessed our Easter services with their extraordinary talent: Tatsuki Kobayashi, trumpet; Dori Baunsgard, piano; Anthony Johnson, keyboard; Clifford Archer, bass guitar; Jerome Davis, drums.

**TO THOSE WHO DONATED EASTER LILIES:** Please take a lily home after the 11:30 am service today.

**NO** Sunday school/Adult Education classes/YAG Bible Study today.

**SPECIAL SEMINAR - "Post-Traumatic Healing in Tohoku Crisis: Counseling and Prayer (a Christian Perspective)"**: Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at The Wesley Center (6-10-11-Rm 301 Minami Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-0062). The seminar is offered 3 times (choose one): 11 am - 1 pm, 3 - 5 pm, 7 - 9 pm. Dr. Joe Ozawa is a psychologist residing in Singapore. Dr. Ozawa has done post-trauma training at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and with World Vision, International. The emphasis of this seminar will be on a Christian response which includes healing and intercession in a Christian context. This event is open to the public and is free. However, a basket in the back of the room will be placed if anyone wants to donate to earthquake relief efforts at the Wesley Center. This seminar will be conducted in the English language. Please RSVP to Wesley Center at 03-6427-4696 or [sarah\\_oba@ib-shadan.com](mailto:sarah_oba@ib-shadan.com).

**THIS WEEK AT TUC**

**Apr. 24 (Sun) 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am**  
**Easter Sunday Worship Services**  
**NO Sunday School**

**Apr. 25 (Mon) 7:45 pm** Interim Pastor Search Mtg. (WS Office)  
**Apr. 26 (Tue) 10:00 am** Women's Bible Study (2F)  
**By Noon** Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline  
(For May 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Bulletin)

**Apr. 27 (Wed) 7:00 pm** "Bible as a Whole" Class (2F)  
**9:30 am** Women's Bible Study (2F)  
**7:45 pm** Interim Pastor Search Mtg. (WS Office)  
**7:30 pm** Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)

**Apr. 28 (Thu) 6:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal (3F)  
**7:30 pm** Women's Evening Bible Study (2F)

**Apr. 29 (Fri)** National Holiday (Church Office closed)  
ELC - Parent/Teacher Conference  
MOHN Team Bi-Annual Mtg. (2F)

**Apr. 30 (Sat) 10:30 am** Men's Breakfast (B1 Kitchen)  
**8:00 am** **Arts Ministry Special Concert (S)**

**May 1 (Sun) 8:30 & 11:00 am** **Worship**  
**9:45 am** Sunday School  
**12:30 pm** Youth - Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
**12:30 pm** Interim Pastor Search Mtg. (WS Office)

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