

Tokyo Union Church
Youth Sunday
May 15, 2011 at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

PRELUDE "Intermezzo" J. Rheinberger

(* Please Stand; ◇◇ Late Seating)

INTROIT "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" TUC Youth

**Come, now is the time to worship, Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God, Come**

**One day every tongue will confess you are God, One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) Bethany Dawson

Leader: Come, and worship the God of mercy.

People: We praise the Lord who is gracious to us each and every day.

Leader: Come, O people of God, and seek the Lord.

People: He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

All: Let us rejoice and give thanks to God, for he is gracious.

*SONG OF CELEBRATION "Sanctuary" TUC Youth

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You**

**It is you, Lord who came to save me The heart and soul of every man.
It is you Lord who knows my weakness Who gives me strength, with thine own hand.**

**Lead me on Lord from temptation Purify me from within.
Fill my heart with Your holy spirit Take away all my sin.**

*CALL TO CONFESSION Blaine Gibson

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Praying together)

**Lord, we understand that when others wrong us, it is easier to lash out and seek
revenge. But we also know that it is your will that we should forgive and be merciful, just
as you are merciful to us. Forgive us our weaknesses, our arrogance, and grant us the
ability to be like you, Lord.**

**Please bestow unto us your wisdom and understanding so that we might live
according to your will. (time for silent prayers) In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Baileigh Gibson

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Will Thorbecke

◇◇ (Please remain standing to sing the Congregational Response.)

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS "All in All" TUC Youth

**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**

**Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name**

**Taking my sin my cross my shame Rising again I bless your name,
You are my all in all
When I fall down You lift me up When I am dry You fill my cup,
You are my all in all**



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.

(11:00) SAYONARA BLESSINGS – Chris Duffy, Josephine Lee

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Micah 6:6-8	Tony Mackie
MESSAGE 1		Baileigh Gibson
MESSAGE 2		Kourtney Easterling
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 6:1-6	Mariko Seo
MESSAGE 3		Bethany Dawson

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Praying today for **Kyodan, Japan**)

Rebecca Brough and Manna Oba

(The leader will end each prayer with "For this let us pray to the Lord" and the congregation is invited to respond, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

(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

Anthem "Shine, Jesus Shine" TUC Youth

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – "Give Thanks"

Give thanks, with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (Repeat) And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" Let the poor say, "I am rich," Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks!

* Prayer of Dedication

Mayuko Sakoh

(8:30) THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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)

Malou Jacobsen

Dear God, thank you for the gift of this Communion Sacrament that reminds us of the great sacrifice you made for us. Let it be a reminder to us to live fully the way you want us to live every day. In your precious name, Amen.

*SONG OF DEDICATION

“Thy Word”

TUC Youth

(Sung together by Youth Choir and Congregation)

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear, as long as You are near Please be near me to the end
Now I will not forget, Your love for me and yet My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to Your side I will love You to the end**

*BLESSING

Kourtney Easterling and TUC Youth

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

TUC Youth

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you I want to see you (2x)
To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy (3x)
I want to see you**

Following the 11 am service, the Prayer and Healing Ministry Team will be available in front of the sanctuary for persons desiring prayer.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata Cromatica”

J. K. Kerll

Kyodan, Japan: This organization, the United Church of Christ in Japan, assists churches in many ways. TUC's main emphasis is on Kyodan's project to provide monetary support for the over 100 retired pastors who are not eligible for pensions, but have dedicated their lives to the work of the church.

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.

TUC MEMBERS/FRIENDS: Please pick up your contribution statement for the first quarter of 2011 in the Lobby.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY: Discovering and Understanding Your Spiritual Gifts - God has equipped each member of His church with unique spiritual gifts to help the church grow and reach out to our communities. Participants will study the biblical teaching on spiritual gifts, and have the opportunity to take a spiritual gifts inventory to help them discover their own unique mix of gifts. Facilitator: Jean Wilson. Time/Dates: 9:45-10:45 am (May 15, 22, 29 & June 5); no class June 12; 11:15 am -12:15 pm (June 19, 26, July 3 & 10). Location: 2F classroom.

GOD WANTS US TO BUILD UP ONE ANOTHER: A small group or cell group carries the idea of strengthening one another, to make one another more able to face the challenges of living for Christ. *“We are in this fight together”* (Philippians 1:30). To succeed, you need the strength supplied by the Body of Christ, just as they need you. Please contact lindalauhirata@gmail.com, if you are interested in leading or participating in small Bible study group.

“BIBLE AS A WHOLE” Class: (52-week course, Tue. evenings from 7 pm - 2F classroom) will study Lesson 11 this week. ¥2,000 to cover partial cost of course book. A registration sheet is on 1F Lobby bulletin board.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is just getting started with a new study. Wed. mornings (9:30 - 11:15 am), or Thu. evenings (7-8:30 pm) in the 2F classroom. Text book: *Respectable Sins: Confronting Sins We Tolerate* by J. Bridges. Please join us.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST will meet at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 21st. Check out our TUC Men's Ministry website at <http://holyoldfools.com>.

WOMEN'S SPRING BRUNCH: Please join us from 11:30 am on Thursday, May 19 in the Fellowship Hall for our spring potluck brunch! Bring a dish (sweet, savory, fresh fruit, etc) or drinks. For details, inquire Rose (03-3400-0942, Weekdays, 10 am – 2 pm only) or Tomomi (tomomik1@yahoo.com).

FLOWERS: Would you like to donate flowers for a specific Sunday (¥3,000)? A sign-up sheet & flower envelopes are in the lobby. Please write your name and indicate the occasion and amount contributed. Flower arrangers are also needed.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES & OUR WORLD: A new study to help individuals and churches reflect and act together as the 2001-2010 Decade to Overcome Violence-Churches Seeking Reconciliation and Peace is celebrated at the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation (May 17-25, Kingston, Jamaica). This study guide will be used for a 6-session Summer Basic Christianity Class in the Women's Society Office. Classes will be held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays (8:45-9:45 am) from June to August. To register (deadline - June 5) or to help with this new class, contact Hisashi Yukimoto (hisashiy2000@yahoo.co.jp). The study guide can be downloaded <http://www.overcomingviolence.org/>.

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.

ILCA (International Living Craft Association) will hold their usual Spring sale outside the Church TODAY. The sale will feature handicrafts, tea and coffee from NGO's in developing countries. All proceeds go to the hardworking producers to help them help themselves.

TODAY'S Congregational Care Elders: (8:30) Nancy Pierson (11:00) Mary Foster **Communion:** (8:30) Scott Carroll, Jody Fuller **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Dima Kato (11:00) Hisako Sekido **Ushers:** (8:30) Janet Takeyama, Chika Eto, Ayumi Maeda (11:00) Christina Chiu, Fujino Kayanuma **AV Operator:** (8:30) Maki Yamamoto (11:00) Kazunori Higuchi, Masaharu Ogata **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Flowers:** Yasuko Ito, to the glory of God.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: Congregational Care Elders: (8:30) Scott Carroll (11:00) TBA **Communion:** (8:30) Jody Fuller, Jiro Hayashi, Tomomi Kumagai **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Jody Fuller (11:00) Yuko Hiraoka **Lectors:** (8:30) Janet Takeyama (11:00) Sue Yokoyama **Ushers:** (8:30) Matsuhiko & Naomi Hayashi (11:00) Phillip Jellicoe **Greeters:** Evangelism Ministry Team **AV Operator:** (8:30) Kazunori Higuchi (11:00) Ikuko Omori **Nursery:** (11:00) Kyoko Tsugamura **Flowers:** Alison Harada (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

Ministers: The TUC Congregation

- May 15 (Sun)** **8:30 & 11:00 am** Worship – Youth Sunday
9:45 am Sunday School
12:30 pm Elders' Orientation (4F)
12:30 pm New Members Class Session 2 (2F)
1:50 pm Council Mtg. (B1)
- May 17 (Tue)** **By Noon** Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline
7:00 pm "Bible as a Whole" Class (2F)
- May 18 (Wed)** 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (2F)
7:30 pm Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
- May 19 (Thu)** 11:30 am Women's Brunch (B1)
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (3F)
7:00 pm Women's Evening Bible Study (2F)
- May 21 (Sat)** 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Kitchen)
2:00 pm Homeless Fellowship Luncheon (B1)
- May 22 (Sun)** **8:30 & 11:00 am** Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
12:30 pm Outreach Ministry Team Mtg. (2F)
12:30 pm Choir Special Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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