

Tokyo Union Church
5th Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2011 at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

"Prelude in B Major"
(* Please Stand; ◇◇ Late Seating)

S. Saëns

(11:00) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Pastor: Our God is a dwelling place in times of trouble and in times of great joy.

People: The Lord is good! God strengthens us with love, so we can rejoice and be glad.

Pastor: Often we miss the joy God has for us because our thoughts are turned inward. Let us turn to God with songs of joy.

People: The Lord is good! May God's favor continue to shine upon us!

All: Let us worship the God of grace and wonder in whom we are made whole. Amen.

*(8:30) HYMN OF CELEBRATION – No. 263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*(11:00) SONG OF CELEBRATION "Blessed Be Your Name" EPS Team

**Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.**

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say,**

(Refrain) **Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.**

**Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name.**

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say. *(Refrain)***

**You give and take away. You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name. *(Repeat)***

(Refrain) *(Repeat)*

"You Are My God"

**As long as the rivers flow, as long as the wind blows, my heart belongs to You
As long as the seasons change, as long as the farmer needs the rain, my heart belongs
to You; Lord, I know I don't deserve the grace You give
So I will give my heart to You that I might live**

**You are my God, early in the morning will I rise to meet You, rise to meet You
You are my God, early in the morning will I rise to meet You, rise to meet You**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Praying together)

**Merciful God, hear how we have willingly damaged and broken our relationship
with you:**

**-your law is a gift to us, but so often we use it to judge one another as
unacceptable;**

**-you call us to this time and place to worship you, but instead we let our
minds wander;**

-you shower us with blessings, and still we covet more and more things;

**-you create us with talents to share your good news with the world, but we
prefer to protect and preserve what we have;**

-you pour out your grace for us, and we pretend we do not need you.

**Lord, by your great Spirit, break through our complacency, transform our narrow
perspectives, and forgive how far we have wandered from you. Bless us with your
unconditional love and set us on the true path one more time.**

(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 (Tune: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee") - See Projection

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Jamee Jones

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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 visitor's card and place it in the offering bag.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 91

(Pew Bible, OT, p. 518)

Lectors: (8:30) Janet Takeyama (11:00) Sue Yokoyama

SECOND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 21:1-21

(Pew Bible, OT, p. 16)

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Hardin

(11:00) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation of Candidates for Baptism: **Go Komatsu, Yume Sato, Yukiko Yoshimura**

STATEMENTS BY THE CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

RENUNCIATION AND AFFIRMATION

Pastor: Now I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce evil and its power in the world, which defies God's righteousness and love?

Candidates: **I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

Candidates: **I renounce them.**

Pastor: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Candidates: **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Candidates: **I will, through God's grace.**

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical version)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

THE ACT OF BAPTIZING

THE BLESSING AND WELCOME

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

QUESTIONS TO THE NEW MEMBERS

Pastor: Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you depend upon Him for salvation as it is offered in the gospel?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise that, relying on the help of the Holy Spirit, you will endeavor to live as a follower of Christ?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Will you continue to grow as a Christian and seek to know and do the will of God as taught in the Bible?

New Members: I will.

Pastor: Will you be loyal to the church of Christ, wherever you are, and will you support this church by your prayers, presence, gifts, and service?

New Members: I will.

COVENANT OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Do you, the members of this congregation, welcome these disciples who have witnessed to their faith in Jesus Christ, and promise by your fellowship to strengthen their ties with the household of God?

Congregation: We do. We joyfully welcome you into this Christian fellowship. We pledge to you our Christian love and encouragement, and with you we dedicate our lives and this church to the work of the kingdom of God.

WORDS OF GREETING

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP – No. 492 (verses 1, 3) “Baptized in Water”

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

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

“Ave Maria”

Ignatius Banda, organ
Sanctuary Choir

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Hymn No. 591

(See Projection)

* Prayer of Dedication

(8:30) THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 and friends 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。)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (praying together)

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service; may we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives; may we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your eternal kingdom. Through Christ Jesus, Amen.

*(8:30) HYMN OF DEDICATION – No. 398 “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

*(11:00) SONG OF DEDICATION “Psalm 62”

**My soul finds rest in God alone, My Rock and my salvation,
A fortress strong against my foes, And I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, And lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to Him who hears me.**

*Chorus: O praise Him, hallelujah, My Delight and my Reward;
Everlasting, never failing, My Redeemer, my God.*

**Find rest, my soul, in God alone amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go, Don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven.**

(Chorus)

**I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in Him completely;
With every day pour out my soul, and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death and I am His forever.**

(Chorus)

O praise Him, O praise Him, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

(X3)

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 586: **Amen, Amen, Amen.**)

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

POSTLUDE

“Chorale Improvisation on ‘Victimae Paschali’”

C. Tournemire

SANYUKAI, JAPAN: Sanyukai seeks to relieve the hardships experienced by the increasing numbers of homeless people and day laborers in Tokyo by providing medical care and welfare programs. They currently offer a free clinic, soup kitchen, counseling, and a shelter for the homeless.

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.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE starts on Sunday **June 12: 10 am worship ONLY** during summer with no Sunday School.

TUC MEMBERS/FRIENDS: Please pick up your contribution statement 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.

"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 28th. Check out our TUC Men's Ministry website at <http://holyoldfools.com>.

DR. DAVID BATSTONE, CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE "NOT FOR SALE" CAMPAIGN, WILL BE AT TUC ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH, at 7:30 PM giving a presentation on how we can respond to the issue of human trafficking and the global slave trade. Dr. Batstone is a professor of business and social responsibility at the University of San Francisco and the author of *"Not For Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade – and How We Can Fight It."* The presentation is free and open to the public.

UPDATE FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE: Next Sunday, (May 29th) during both worship services there will be a report from the Interim Pastor Search Committee regarding the status of TUC's search for an intentional interim pastor.

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 линдалауһиrаtа@гmаil.com, if you are interested in leading or participating in small Bible study group.

A SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUR June 12th for Pastor Barry, Shelly & Bethany In celebration of Pastor Barry and Shelly's 4 year ministry to the TUC congregation, we invite you to a special fellowship hour on June 12th immediately following the 10:00 am service. As befits our international church, this Fellowship Hour will feature cuisine from the many countries that we come from. If you would like to make a dish from your country or if you have any questions, please e-mail Catherine Sasanuma at Catherine4@gol.com by June 5th.

TODAY'S Congregational Care Elders: (8:30) Scott Carroll (11:00) Junko Takahashi **Communion:** (8:30) Tomomi Kumagai, Jody Fuller **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Jody Fuller (11:00) Yuko Hiraoka **Ushers:** (8:30) Matsuhiko and Naomi Hayashi (11:00) Phillip Jellicoe **AV Operator:** (8:30) Kazunori Higuchi (11:00) Ikuko Omori **Nursery:** (11:00) Kyoko Tsugamura **Flowers:** Yuko Horiuchi, donated by Alison Harada, in celebration of Anna Belle's 14th Birthday.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: Congregational Care Elders: (8:30) Mary Foster (11:00) Brad White **Communion:** (8:30) Mary Foster, Karl Koschnitzke **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Kaoru Shikata (11:00) Yuko Hiraoka **Lectors:** (8:30) Jean Pengosro (11:00) Roxanne Bucaria **Ushers:** (8:30) TBA (11:00) TBA **Greeters:** Evangelism Ministry Team **AV Operator:** (8:30) Kazunori Higuchi (11:00) Ikuko Omori **Nursery:** (11:00) Toshiko Carroll **Flowers:** Naomi Hayashi (donation & arrangement)

THIS WEEK AT TUC

Ministers: The TUC Congregation

May 22 (Sun) 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Special Council Mtg. (S)
12:30 pm Outreach Ministry Team Mtg. (2F)
12:30 pm Choir Special Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

May 24 (Tue) By Noon Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline

May 25 (Wed) 7:00 pm "Bible as a Whole" Class (2F)

May 25 (Wed) 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (2F)
7:00 pm IPSC Mtg. (WS Office)
7:30 pm Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)

May 26 (Thu) 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (3F)
7:00 pm Women's Evening Bible Study (2F)

May 28 (Sat) 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Kitchen)
4:30 pm Confirmation Dinner & Rehearsal

May 29(Sun) 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship – Confirmation Sunday
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Finance Team Mtg. (Conference Room)
12:30 pm Choir Special Rehearsal (S)

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