

***Tokyo Union Church***  
***Confirmation Sunday***  
***May 29, 2011 at 8:30 am & 11:00 am***

PRELUDE

"Melodie in G Major"

A. Guilmant

(\* Please Stand; ◇◇ Late Seating)

(11:00) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Pastor: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

**People: We are here to support and challenge one another to rise up and follow Jesus Christ in a world that is filled with lesser gods.**

Pastor: We are here to worship the Risen Christ and to listen for the Spirit's voice in Word and sacrament.

**People: We come this day seeking to be renewed and transformed by an encounter with the Living God.**

**All: Let us open our hearts to the movements of the Holy Spirit! Let us worship God with joyful songs! Then let us go out as Christ's bold witnesses in the world!**

\*(8:30) HYMN OF CELEBRATION – No. 145 (verses 1, 2, 4) "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

\*(11:00) SONGS OF CELEBRATION

"Better Is One Day"

EPS Team

**How lovely is Your dwelling place,  
Oh Lord Almighty  
My soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied,  
within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings**

(Chorus) **Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere**

**One thing I ask and I would seek,  
to see Your beauty  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells**

(Bridge) **My heart and flesh cry out,  
for You the living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen,  
come once again to me  
I will draw near to You  
I will draw near to You**

(Chorus) **Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere**

"Holiness"

**Holiness, holiness is what I long for    Holiness is what I need**

**Holiness, holiness is what You want from me    (Repeat)**

[Chorus] **So, take my heart and form it    Take my mind and transform it  
Take my will and conform it    To Yours, to Yours, oh, Lord**

**Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for    Faithfulness is what I need  
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me    [Chorus]**

**Brokenness, brokenness is what I long for    Brokenness is what I need  
Brokenness, brokenness is what You want from me    [Chorus]**

**Gentleness, gentleness is what I long for    Gentleness is what I need  
Gentleness, gentleness is what You want from me**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Praying together)

**Gracious God, who called Abraham and Sarah to a new life in a new land, forgive us for lacking courage when your Spirit calls us to new ways of serving you. Mighty God, who called Amos and John the Baptist to be fiery prophets who proclaimed your passion for justice, forgive us for our casual attitudes toward the suffering that others endure. Merciful God, who called Mary Magdalene and Peter to be witnesses to the hope of Christ's resurrection, forgive us when we treat Easter's good news as a seasonal message that is soon forgotten. God of Covenant Loyalty, who confirms our faith and commissions us to be Christ's ambassadors, set our spirits ablaze with the gospel's power of love, so that we may honor you all the days of our lives and even into eternity. In the name of Christ, our blessed Savior and Lord.** (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")

**You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Steve Wheeler

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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.*

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.*

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY – Stewardship Ministry Team

Brad White, Elder

MOMENT FOR THE INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-2

(Pew Bible, NT, p. 151)

Lectors: (8:30) Jean Pengosro (11:00) Roxanne Bucaria

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28

(Pew Bible, NT, p. 17)

SERMON

"Turn, Turn, Turn"

Pastor Barry Dawson

(11:00) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

AND RECEPTION OF THE 2011 CONFIRMATION CLASS (See insert)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Praying today for **Tokyo English Lifeline, 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

Miwako Horii, organ

(11:00) Anthem

"You Raise Me Up"

Sanctuary Choir

\* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – No. 591 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
(See Projection)

\* Prayer of Dedication

(8:30) THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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)**

**Lord Jesus Christ, by your willingness to sacrifice everything so that people of all nations might experience the joy of God's salvation, you have shown us the meaning of true love. Grant, O Christ, that the grace we have received at your table today, from your body and blood, may empower us to share your love and your hope with the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION – No. 372 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

\*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 “Grand Chorus”

C. Franck

**Tokyo English Lifeline (TELL), Japan:** TELL provides telephone counseling, face-to-face counseling, substance-abuse treatment, and training for handling emergency situations and crisis intervention. Telephone counseling is provided in English by trained volunteers. Face-to-face counseling is available from qualified, professional counselors in several languages.

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

**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. **A special welcome to the class of 2011 ARI participants today!**

**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 12 this week. ¥2,000 to cover partial cost of course book. A registration sheet is on 1F Lobby bulletin board.

**MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST** will meet at 8:00 am on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Check out our TUC Men's Ministry website at <http://holyoldfools.com>.

**ARE YOU AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ATTENDING TUC?** Are you interested in international student fellowship at TUC? If so, we'd like to get to know you. We invite you to sign up on the registration sheet on the bulletin board in the 1F lobby, or to come talk with us at the Evangelism Ministry table in the 1F lobby. The next ISF gathering will be on **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** from 5 pm in the B1 Fellowship Hall.

**CHOIR SUNDAY IS JUNE 5.** The Sanctuary Choir will sing Schubert's Mass in G at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. We hope that you will join us for this musical celebration!

**AN INVITATION TO WEAR COLORFUL CLOTHING ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>:** We will celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on people of all nations. As a witness to the multi-cultural identity of the Christian Church, you are invited to wear clothing that is representative of your native land or cultural background. If you do not have any clothing that represents your culture, then please wear something with the color red, the color that symbolizes Pentecost.

**STATUS OF TUC TITHES AND OFFERINGS (Through May 22, 2011)**

The TUC Church Council would like to share with you an update on the status of our pledged and non-pledged income so far this year:

(In yen actual)	Received Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Difference
Pledge offerings	12,538,910	12,893,688	(354,778)
Loose offerings	8,908,731	9,161,304	(252,573)
Total	21,447,641	22,054,992	(607,351)

Please help us by checking the status of your giving to the church as noted in your 2011 first quarter contribution statements. If your statement reveals that your giving so far this year has fallen behind what you pledged, please prayerfully consider making contributions before the summer months (if your circumstances have changed and you need to update your pledge – you may notify the Finance Office or submit a revised pledge – marked “REVISED” in the offering any Sunday). If you have not yet pledged, please consider making regular pledge offerings or a special contribution to help fund the church's ministries according to your ability to give. We can really use your help! Regardless of your current status, we offer our sincere thanks to all who contribute tithes and offerings to support Christ's mission through Tokyo Union Church.

**DR. DAVID BATSTONE, CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE “NOT FOR SALE” CAMPAIGN, WILL BE AT TUC ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:** TUC is looking for a part-time (50 hours a month) Children’s Ministry Director. We need a committed Christian with enthusiasm for children’s ministries. Experience in organizing and leading ministries for children is desirable. Good relational skills with parents and children are a must. This position is responsible for a comprehensive program of Christian Education and nurture for nursery, pre-school and elementary school aged children. Please send inquiries to the Children’s Ministry Elder, Alison Harada, at [alison.birch@citi.com](mailto:alison.birch@citi.com).

TUC is searching for a part-time (30 hours a month) **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR**. This person would work with the Associate Pastor, the Youth Elder, and the Youth Ministry Team in leading programs for our middle school youth. Please send inquiries to the Youth Ministry Elder, Janelle Odate, at [jmodate@mx.catv.ne.jp](mailto:jmodate@mx.catv.ne.jp).

**CONTEMPORARY MUSIC DIRECTOR:** TUC, an English-speaking interdenominational community of faith in the heart of Tokyo, is seeking a part-time Contemporary Music Director (12-15 hours/month) to lead contemporary Christian repertoire during selected Sunday morning worship services, as well as lead all music in the Evening Praise Services that take place about 5 Sunday evenings per year. Interested candidates must be baptized Christians, fluent in English with at least a conversational ability in Japanese. They must have a background in contemporary worship music and experience teaching it and leading small performance groups. Remuneration is based on experience. For a more detailed job description and application procedures, please visit the TUC website at: <http://www.tokyounion.org>

**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 has been celebrated by the World Council of Churches 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hisashiy2000@yahoo.co.jp)). Links to the study guide and other details are found at <http://www.overcomingviolence.org/>.

**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](mailto:Catherine4@gol.com) by June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**TODAY’S 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 **Ushers:** (11:00) Sam Mchombo, Hisako Sekido, Philip Carrigan, Gladys Toh  
**AV Operator:** (8:30) Kazunori Higuchi **Nursery:** (11:00) Toshiko Carroll **Flowers:** Naomi Hayashi, to the glory of God.

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: Congregational Care Elders:** (8:30) TBA (11:00) Suresh Kukde **Communion:** (8:30) Russell Gesling, Nancy Pierson-Umezū (11:00) Akiko Adachi, Scott Carroll, Mary Foster, Paul Fukuda, Linda Hirata, Junko Takahashi **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Keiko Hayashi (11:00) Kaoru Shikata **Lectors & Ushers:** TBA **Greeters:** (8:30) TBA (11:00) MS Youth **AV Operator:** TBA  
**Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Flowers:** Aya Uda

**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 29 (Sun) 8:30 & 11:00 am** Worship – Confirmation Sunday  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 9:45 am Nominating Team Mtg. (Pastor’s Office)  
 9:45 am Finance Team Mtg. (Conference Room)  
 12:30 pm Choir Special Rehearsal (S)  
**May 31 (Tue) By Noon** Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline  
 7:00 pm “Bible as a Whole” Class (2F)  
**June 1 (Wed) 9:30 am** Women’s Bible Study (2F)  
 7:00 pm Theology Reading Group (Library)  
 7:30 pm Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)  
**June 2 (Thu) 6:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal (3F)  
**June 3 (Fri) 7:00 pm** Evangelical Leadership Training Mtg. (L)  
**June 4 (Sat) 8:00 am** Men’s Breakfast (Kitchen)  
 5:00 pm International Student Fellowship (B1)  
**June 5 (Sun) 8:30 & 11:00 am** Worship – Choir Sunday  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 9:45 am Nominating Team Mtg. (Pastor’s Office)  
 12:45 pm Membership Team Mtg. (2F)

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM  
AND  
THE RECEPTION OF THE 2011 CONFIRMATION CLASS  
INTO THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF  
TOKYO UNION CHURCH**

**Responsive Reading**

Pastor: There is one Body and one Spirit.  
People: **There is one hope in God's call to us.**  
Pastor: One Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
People: **One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all.**  
Pastor: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Presentation of the Confirmation Class**

*Rebecca Brough, Kourtney Easterling, Blaine Gibson, Baileigh Gibson,  
Malou Jacobsen, Manna Oba, Mayuko Sakoh, Will Thorbecke*

**Statement to the Confirmands**

**Renunciation and Affirmation**

Pastor: Now as you publicly declare your faith, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which you have been or will be baptized. Do you renounce evil and its power in the world, which defies God's righteousness and love?

Confirmands: **I renounce them.**

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

Confirmands: **I renounce them.**

Pastor: Who is your Lord and Savior?

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

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

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

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

(The congregation stands. All join responsively in renewing their  
Baptismal Covenant in the words of the Apostles' Creed.)

**The Baptismal Covenant**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

(The congregation may be seated.)

## The Act of Baptizing

*Mayuko Sakoh*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

### Blessing and Anointing

## Declaration of Intent for Christian Ministry by 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?
- Confirmands: **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?
- Confirmands: **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?
- Confirmands: **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?
- Confirmands: **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?
- People: **We do. With joy and thanksgiving we renew our covenant with God and with each other, as we welcome you into this Christian fellowship known as Tokyo Union Church. We pledge to you our Christian love and encouragement, to the end that we may all increase in the knowledge and love of God, and grow in the stature of Jesus Christ our Lord. With you we dedicate our lives and Tokyo Union Church to the work of the kingdom of God.**

## Prayer for Commissioning to Ministry

### The Blessing and Anointing

### The Welcome to Ministry

### Hymn of Fellowship “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

Go my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing – you are my own.  
I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;  
I, the Lord, will smile upon you and give you peace:  
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.