

**Tokyo Union Church**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**June 19, 2011 at 10:00 am**

PRELUDE

"Aria in E Major"  
(\* Please Stand; ◇◇ Late Seating)

N. Porpora

INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Liturgist: Jean Wilson

Leader: O Come, creating, illuminating, uniting, calming Spirit. Descend upon our hearts. In the beginning, you brought light into the darkness.

**People: We pray you do it now, too.**

Leader: You enabled daughters and sons to prophesy, the young to see visions and the old to dream dreams.

**People: We pray you do it now, too.**

Leader: You encourage those who despair, heal those who are broken, and give release to those held in captivity.

**People: We pray you do it now, too.**

Leader: You take us where we had not dreamed we could go, where we have feared to go, and where we need to go.

**People: We pray you do it now, too.**

Leader: In this time of worship, in this time of our lives, and in this time in history,

**All: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION – No. 487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Praying together)

**O God, we know that you have called us to be your people and that you love us with an everlasting love. We thank you that you guide us through all of life. But life can sometimes be very difficult and discouraging. When it is, we do not always recognize your presence or believe in your power; we often surrender to our doubts and fears.**

**Lord, forgive our weak faith and our lack of trust. Help us to let go of our worries and our anxieties. May our hope be in your care for our lives, and not in our ability to plan, control, and understand. We pray in the name of Jesus, the one who completely gave over his life to your care, and asks us to do the same. (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 Only (See projection)

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Tomomi Kumagai

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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.*

SAYONARA BLESSINGS – Atsuko Chestnutt

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25-34

(Pew Bible, NT, p. 6)

Lector: John Zhou

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:31-39

(Pew Bible, NT, p. 148)

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Hardin

MUSICAL OFFERING

"My Heart Ever Faithful" (Bach)

Kumiko Nishimura, solo, Yuka Omi, piano

*My heart ever faithful, Sing praises, be joyful, Thy Jesus is near;  
Away with complaining, Faith ever maintaining, My Jesus is here;  
My heart ever faithful, Sing praises, be joyful, Thy Jesus is here!*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Praying today for **Rainbow Missions, China**)

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

"Triumph! Thanksgiving"

Sanctuary Choir

\* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Hymn No. 591

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION "How Can I Keep from Singing" (See back)

\*BENEDICTION

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

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

POSTLUDE

"Toccatina in G Major"

G. Muffat

**Rainbow Missions, China:** Rainbow Missions works to help blind and other disabled people in Chongqing and elsewhere in China through development of assistive technology, counseling, and direct, personal support for education and employment.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: 10 am worship ONLY during summer. (~ Sept.4<sup>th</sup>)**

**A WARM WELCOME** to our newcomers and visitors! We invite you to the special Fellowship Hour in the Fellowship Hall after the service, so we can greet you personally.

**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: 11:15 am -12:15 pm (June 19, 26, July 3 & 10). Location: 2F classroom. (**NOTE: Meet in the Sanctuary TODAY, June 19<sup>th</sup>**)

**BASIC BIBLE STUDY CLASS - "Experience Jesus Today: Understanding the Gospel."** Beginners, seekers of faith, English learners and new Christians are welcome to join us to share the Good News in plain English and Japanese on the 2nd and the 4th Sundays of the month from 8:45 am to 9:45 am at B1 Women's Society Office. For more information, please contact Hisashi Yukimoto at [hisashiy2000@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:hisashiy2000@yahoo.co.jp) and take the class handout at the 1F lobby.

**"BIBLE AS A WHOLE" Class:** (52-week course, Tue. evenings from 7 pm - 2F classroom) will study Lesson 14 this week. ¥2,000 to cover partial cost of course book. A registration sheet is on 1F Lobby bulletin board.

**APPEAL FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR & VOLUNTEERS:** The Children's Ministry Team is in need of a director, station leaders, and various helpers in order for this special event to take place in mid/late August. If you are able to commit your time and Christian love, please contact Alison Harada, Elder for Children's Ministry <[alison.birch@city.com](mailto:alison.birch@city.com)> as soon as possible.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES - *Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate*,** by Jerry Bridges. Wednesday Morning Group is meeting on June 22 and then break for summer. Thursday Evening Group is meeting June 23, 30. We will begin a Beth Moore study in the fall! For details and inquiries, please contact [tomomik1@yahoo.com](mailto:tomomik1@yahoo.com)

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY SUMMER COFFEE:** Thurs., June 23 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a new experience – A Presentation by a Tango Dance Group! Come to our cool Fellowship Hall! Coffee starts at 9:30 am. For details and inquiries, please contact [tomomik1@yahoo.com](mailto:tomomik1@yahoo.com)

**CONGREGATIONAL FORUM:** June 26th in the Sanctuary, immediately following the worship service. This forum will be held to share information with the congregation from the Interim Pastor Search Committee. All members and friends of TUC are strongly encouraged to attend.

**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@city.com](mailto:alison.birch@city.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).

## THANK YOU, TUC!

The Dawson family wants to express our deep gratitude to the entire TUC congregation for the wonderful farewell celebration that we experienced last Sunday during the worship service and the fellowship luncheon. With choir anthems, liturgy, saxophones, bagpipes, prayers of thanksgiving, EPS-led songs, the sacrament of Holy Communion in choral form, mountains of delicious international cuisine from 18 countries, and, above all, your presence with us, we felt the warmth and the love of the TUC congregation. Thank you for a wonderful Pentecost Sunday celebration, but, more importantly, for sharing life and ministry together with us for a total of more than 8 years. Thanks for the memories!

**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 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 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/>.

**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, July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5 pm in the B1 Fellowship Hall.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE COMMUNITIES IN TOHOKU:** Please read announcements on the Outreach Bulletin Board about opportunities to join a few-day volunteer work camp in the Tohoku Region organized by TUC (July 27-31) & other external Christian organizations. Please direct inquiries to Dima Kato, Roxanne Bucaria, Wally Higgins and Paul Fukuda.

## STATUS OF TUC TITHES AND OFFERINGS (Through June 12, 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	15,069,696	14,779,071	290,625
Loose offerings	10,540,130	10,500,918	39,212
Total	25,609,826	25,279,989	329,837

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.

**TODAY'S Congregational Care Elders:** Nancy Pierson      **Altar Guild:** Nobuko Gaine      **Ushers:** Gesling Family      **Greeters:** Evangelism Ministry Team      **AV Operator:** Maki Yamamoto      **Nursery:** Kaoru Hirano      **Flowers:** Kaoru Shikata, donated by Nancy Pierson, in celebration of her friend, Laurence's final vows into the Xavier Order.

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: Congregational Care Elders:** Suresh Kukde      **No Communion on 26th**      **Altar Guild:** Yuko Hiraoka  
**Lector:** Paul Bunting      **Ushers:** Philip Jellicoe, Ayumi Maeda      **Greeters:** TBA      **AV Operator:** Ikuko Omori      **Nursery:** Kyoko Tsumamura      **Flowers:** TBA (donation & 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

**June 19 (Sun) 10:00 am ONLY** Worship – Trinity Sunday  
11:15 am Adults Sunday School (**Sanctuary**)  
11:30 am Council Mtg. (2F)  
**June 21 (Tue) By Noon** Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline  
7:00 pm “Bible as a Whole” Class (2F)  
**June 22 (Wed)** 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (2F)  
7:00 pm Personnel Mtg.  
7:30 pm Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)  
**June 23 (Thur)** 10:30 am Women's Ministry Summer Coffee (B1)  
\*Coffee starts at 9:30 am  
**June 24 (Fri)** 7:00 pm Evangelical Leadership Training Mtg. (L)  
**June 26 (Sun) 10:00 am ONLY** Worship  
After the service Forum (Sanctuary)  
11:15 am Adults Sunday School Study (2F)

## Ministers: The TUC Congregation

**Associate Pastor**  
Matthew Hardin ([astpastr@gol.com](mailto:astpastr@gol.com))  
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