

Tokyo Union Church
February 5, 2006 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE "Largo" by A. Vivaldi
(11:00) INTROIT Sanctuary Choir

(* Please Stand; ** Late Seating)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Josephine Aguilar

Leader: Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

People: They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Leader: They shall run and not be weary; They shall walk and not faint.

People: We wait upon the Lord, in worship and praise to the everlasting God!

**OPENING HYMN 482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O gracious God, who offers us healing and forgiveness, we confess that we hold back in responding to your mercy. You call us to service, but we protect our time. You call us to identify with the poor, but we keep our distance. You call us to take risks, but we play it safe. Forgive our hardness of heart, O God. Empower us for bold, sacrificial ministry that confronts the demonic powers and bears witness to your work in creation.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 380 "O Christ, the Healer" (verse 5)

Grant that we all, made one in faith, In Your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, Shall reach the whole of humankind.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

We welcome you to Tokyo Union Church. Visitors, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering bag.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40: 21-31 (OT p.628)

Lectors: (8:30) Jean Pengosro (11:00) David Henry

**GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS Joy Onozuka

Children ages 4-7 may go to the 2nd floor classroom at this time.

Nursery care for children ages 0-3 is provided on the first floor throughout the entire service.

HYMN 371 "Lift High the Cross"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 9: 16-23 (NT p. 161)

SERMON "The Treasure We Share" Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **The Philippine Self Help Foundation**) Rev. Josephine Aguilar
The Lord's Prayer – **Ecumenical** (Hymnal p. 16)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

(11:00) Anthem

"Go and Tell John" by L. Pfautsch

Sanctuary Choir

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Doxology (Hymn 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION - *Please turn to Hymnal p. 13.*

(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 stand together to commune.

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During Communion

Hymn 404 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand "

Hymn 391 "Take My Life"

(11:00) BAPTISM - **Kian Zayne Shimazaki**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jeanne & Shinji, what do you ask of God's church for Kian?

I ask that he be baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ.

In the light of your covenant promise and your request, I ask you: Do you believe that the gospel guides us through life and enables us to walk in the light of Christ?

I do.

PARENTAL VOWS

Jeanne & Shinji, I ask you now to respond to God's graciousness to Kian by making these solemn promises:

Will you provide for your child a Christian home of love and trust?

With God's help, I will.

Will you set before the example of a Christian life, and will you pray that your child will learn the way of Christ?

With God's help, I will.

Will you encourage your child to grow within the fellowship of the church so that Kian may come to full faith in Christ?

With God's help, I will.

PRAYER OVER WATER

We give you thanks, O holy and gracious God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the water, and you created all that is, seen and unseen. By the gift of water you sustain all life. In the time of Noah, by your saving ark, you gave a new beginning. You led Israel through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the Promised Land. In the water of Jordan our Lord was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. By the baptism of his death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death and opened the way to eternal life. We thank you, O God, for the gift of baptism. In this water we are buried with Christ in his death. From this water we are raised to share in his resurrection, reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ACT OF BAPTISM

ACT OF ANOINTING

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GIVING OF CANDLE

CONGREGATION'S COVENANT AND WELCOME

Pastor: Kian is received into the holy catholic church. Through baptism, God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. I charge you, the people of this congregation, to nurture and to love him, and to assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

HYMN 498

"Child of Blessings, Child of Promise"

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

In the name of the Lord, we warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers.

*CLOSING HYMN 369

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 391 "Take My Life" - Verse 1)

**Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord to Thee. Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

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

POSTLUDE

"Toccatà" by J. Pachelbel

Everyone is welcome to join the Evening Praise Service at 4 pm.

Philippine Self Help Foundation (PSHF), Philippines: The mission of PSHF is to empower the poor with credit assistance. PSHF provides poor families with micro-loans which enable them to develop a wide range of livelihood projects such as handicrafts, raising livestock, vending, furniture making, fishing and farming.

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

Feb. 5 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	after the Congregational Mtg.	Evangelism Ministry Team Mtg. (2F)
	4:00 pm	Evening Praise Service - Ken Owusu
Feb. 7 (Tue)	10:00 am	WS Bible Study (2F)
		Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline
Feb. 9 (Thu)	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Balcony)
	7:00 pm	Admin. Mtg. (Pastor Bruce's office)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Feb. 12 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	12:45 pm	Sharing Seminar (B1)
	4:00 pm	Evening Praise Service - David Stuchbury

<Next New Members Class - February 19 at 12:30 pm in 2F Classroom>

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