

***Tokyo Union Church***  
***July 11, 2004 at 10:00 am***

PRELUDE "Thanks Be to Thee" by G. F. Händel

*We welcome you to Tokyo Union Church. Please sign the pew registry.*

INTROIT Sanctuary Choir

*(\* Please Stand; \*\* Late Seating)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

**People: The one who has left us, yet is still with us.**

Pastor: The one who has come, and is yet to come.

**People: The one who has conquered, yet will conquer still.**

**All: Come, let us worship the Lord!**

**\*\*OPENING HYMN 476** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**For opportunities neglected, for animosities cherished, for half-truths believed, for responsibilities avoided, for excuses offered, for corners cut, for commandments disobeyed, for failures rationalized, and for needs ignored, we beg your pardon and cleansing, O Lord. Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Romans 8:34-35)**

In this find comfort and confidence: Not only was Jesus Christ raised from the dead; he is now at the right hand of God interceding on our behalf. Nothing shall separate us from his love.

**\*\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Amos 7:1-17 (OT p. 855)

Lector: Taketo Maeda

**\*\*GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS (Through Grade 4)**

Pastor Bruce Sloan

*(Preschool-kindergarten ages may go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom at this time. Nursery care for children ages 0-2 is provided on the first floor throughout the entire service.)*

HYMN 150

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37 (NT p. 71)

SERMON

“The Road to Jericho”

Pastor Craig Hunter

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **The Cagayan Valley Children’s Home, Philippines**)

The Lord’s Prayer – **Ecumenical** (Hymnal p. 16)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Anthem

“For the Beauty of the Earth” by J. Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings - Doxology (Hymn 592)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

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

*Please join us for the Coffee Hour after the service, so we can greet you personally.*

\*CLOSING HYMN 379

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

\*BENEDICTION

May God the Father strengthen you in your daily difficulties. May God the Son lead you in paths of service. May God the Holy Spirit confirm you in your faith.

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

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

POSTLUDE

“What God Does Is Well Done” by J. L. Krebs

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**The Cagayan Valley Children’s Home, Philippines:** The CVCH cares for 100+ children of all ages who have mental or physical impairment. The children are mostly from broken homes and are referred to the home by the Dept. of Social Welfare and Development.

Pastor Craig will be leading a church group on a study tour in Turkey from July 16 to August 1.

**Today's Altar Guild:** T. Mukasa    **Ushers:** April Morito    **Nursery:** Josiah    **Coffee Hosts:** The Stewardship Team  
**Flowers:** Yasuyo Osada, donated by Motomasa & Sumiko Sato, in celebration of their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY SUMMER COFFEE: "Christmas in July" by Ah-Sew Sewing Group and Aoyama Harmony Chorus, Thursday, **July 22**, at 10 am, in the Fellowship Hall. You are also invited to "When East Marries West" by Tom Dillon, Newspaper Columnist on **Aug. 5**, and "Creating Magic with Costumes" by Lynne Ford, Costume Director on **Aug.19**.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: **No breakfast in July**, but we are planning to meet on **Saturday, August 14**.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - **July 18**, immediately following the 10:00 service in the sanctuary. If you have already offered to help with VBS, or if you are interested in finding out more about it, please come!! For more information, contact Nancy Pierson (umezu@gol.com).

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY**    **Communion:** Tsuyoshi Akiyama, Scott Carroll, Premoj Thomas, Maggie Yamasaki    **Altar Guild:** Michiko Yaegashi    **Ushers:** Gesling family    **Lector:** Terri Bostock (**Readings:** Amos 8:1-12; Ps. 52; Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42)    **Nursery:** Kaoru Hirano    **Childcare:** Jolanda Blomjous    **Greeters:** TBA    **Coffee Hosts:** The Property & Use Team    **Flowers:** Michiyo Uchida

COUNCIL OPENINGS: We have several vacant positions on our church Council. Those interested in serving TUC as an elder, please call Scott Carroll (3486-2647) or Jean Pengosro (3407-7697), Nominating Team elders.

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 prayer requests we receive during the week. Contact Mary Foster at [tucprayer@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tucprayer@yahoo.com.au) with your prayer requests.

PART-TIME POSITIONS AT TUC: **Children's Ministry Director** - Do you love children and have a heart for the gospel? Were you ever a child yourself? Would you like to see the children of TUC grow in their Christian faith, and do you have the energy and vision to make that happen? Those with patience, imagination, energy and experience working with children, are encouraged to get more information. **Youth Ministry Director** - With the assistance of a devoted and talented group of parents and young adults, this person will have the opportunity to plan and implement programs as diverse as the interests of the youth – everything from mission trips to ice-skating to spiritual retreats. Please speak with Pastor Craig for details.

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

WORSHIP CHILDCARE PARENTS: Please look for the sign-up sheet on the door of the Worship Child Care room and add your name as a volunteer.

WESTERN SUDAN EMERGENCY - Thousands have died, a million people have been forced to leave their homes, and there have been widespread human rights violations. TUC is channeling donations to Christian Aid for their support of relief organizations aiding the refugees on the Sudan/Chad border. Please use the emergency relief envelopes in the pews.

“SUPPORT IN GRIEF” is available for anyone in the congregation who is having a hard time facing a loss or dealing with grief. They will provide a sympathetic ear. Contact April Morito at 046-273-1289, and you will be matched with someone you can call.

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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** (*Details on bulletin boards in lobby.*)

July 11 (Sun)	9:00 am	Turkey Class (2F)
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Christian Education Mtg. (Pastor Bruce's Office)
July 15 (Thu)	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
July 16 (Fri)		Trip to Turkey (till 8/1)
July 18 (Sun)	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	VBS Organizational Mtg. (Sanctuary)

<Next New Members' Class: August 22 at 12:30 pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom>

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