

***Tokyo Union Church***  
***July 18, 2004 at 10:00 am***

PRELUDE "Legend" by L. Vierne

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

INTROIT Sanctuary Choir  
(\* Please Stand; \*\* Late Seating)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Carol McMunn

Leader: With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

**People: God has told you, O mortal, what is good;**

Leader: And what does the Lord require of you,

**People: But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**

\*\*OPENING HYMN 449 "My Lord! What a Morning"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, we pray,**

**if we have betrayed a sacred trust;**

**if we have chosen the worse when we knew the better;**

**if we have been complacent in the midst of injustice;**

**if we have been harsh when we should have been forgiving;**

**if we have relied on ourselves when we should have relied on you;**

**if we have blamed you when we should have blamed ourselves.**

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*Psalm 68:19*)

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

\*\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Amos 8:1-12 (OT p. 856)

Lector: Terri Bostock

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

*(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.)*

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:38-42 (NT p. 72)

SERMON "Distracted" Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Cathedral Relief Service, India**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Anthem

“Softly and Tenderly” by W. L. Thompson

Sanctuary Choir

\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings - “May My Life”

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 elect to stand together to commune.*

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ーバーの前で腕をXに組み祝福の言葉を受けて下さい。)*

During Communion                      Hymn 310 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

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 433                      "There's a Spirit in the Air"

\*BENEDICTION

You have freely received; now invest what you have received in your world for the glory of God.

\*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                                      "Toccatino" by C. Tambling

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**Cathedral Relief Service, India:** CRS supports numerous community-based programs for the marginalized including health improvement activities, educational programs (schools, vocational training), women's development programs, a training center for the disabled, and partnership programs with local hospitals, schools and churches.

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

**Today's Communion:** Tsuyoshi Akiyama, Brock McMunn, Maggie Yamasaki      **Altar Guild:** Michiko Yaegashi  
**Ushers:** Gesling family, Hiroshi Matsuno      **Nursery:** Kaoru Hirano      **Childcare:** Jolanda Blomjous      **Coffee Hosts:**  
The Property & Use Team      **Flowers:** Michiyo Uchida, in thanksgiving to God.

VBS UPDATES: VBS Organizational meeting has been changed to **July 25**, not today as originally scheduled. Please plan to meet after the 10:00 service in the sanctuary on **July 25!**

DECORATE the sanctuary and classrooms for VBS: Sunday, **Aug. 8**, after the 10:00 service. All hands are needed!

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**.

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY**      **Altar Guild:** Michiko Yaegashi      **Ushers:** Naomi Hagiwara, Junko Suzuki      **Lector:** TBA  
(**Readings:** Hos. 1:2-10; Ps. 85; Col. 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13)      **Nursery:** Kaori Murakami      **Childcare:** TBA  
**Greeters:** TBA      **Coffee Hosts:** The Finance Team      **Flowers:** Michiko Yaegashi

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.

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.

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.

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 18 (Sun)	10:00 am	Worship
July 19 (Mon)		Church Office Closed (National Holiday)
July 22 (Thu)	10:00 am	Women's Society Summer Coffee (B1)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
July 25 (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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