

***Tokyo Union Church
July 4, 2004 at 10:00 am***

PRELUDE "Fugue in D minor" by J. G. Rheinberger

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

INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

(Please Stand; ** Late Seating)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sing praises and give thanks to God.

People: Let us give thanks to God and praise God's holy name.

Pastor: For God has turned our mourning into dancing and has clothed us with joy.

People: O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever and ever! Amen.

**OPENING HYMN 485

"To God Be the Glory"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and justice, you turn mourning into dancing, darkness into light, sorrow into joy. Yet we look to our own wisdom to guide us; we rely on our own strength to protect us.

In mercy, forgive us. Empower us by your Spirit to entrust ourselves fully to your way, that we may faithfully display and proclaim the good news of your abundant goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 30 (OT p. 505)

Lector: Andy Hayashi

**GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS (Through Grade 4)

Pastor Craig Hunter

(Preschool-kindergarten ages may go to the 2nd 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 10:1-20 (NT p. 71)

SERMON

"Is There Peace In Your Home?"

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Buraku Liberation Center, Japan**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Anthem

"Laudate Dominum" by G. O. Pittoni

Sanctuary Choir

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings - "Make Me a Servant"

BAPTISM - **Winston Paul Taniguchi**, born in Tokyo, Japan, on February 10, 2004

Parents: Andrew & Naoko Taniguchi

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Andrew & Naoko, what do you ask of God's church for Winston?

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

Andrew & Naoko, I ask you now to respond to God's graciousness to Winston 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 Winston 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 Winston 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

GIVING OF CANDLE

PRAYER OF BLESSING

CONGREGATION'S COVENANT AND WELCOME

Pastor: Winston 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 464

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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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During Communion

Hymn 302 "I Danced in the Morning"

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

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

**1. Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord; And where there's doubt, true faith in You.**

*(Refrain) Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

**2. Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light; And where there's sadness, ever joy. (Refrain)**

**3. Make me a channel of Your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive, And in dying that we're born to eternal life. (Refrain)**

*PASTOR'S BLESSING

"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up."

- Galathians 6:9

*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

"Festal Finale" by H. Coleman

Buraku Liberation Center, Japan: This center was established in 1981 by the United Church of Christ in Japan to address problems of discrimination against people known as buraku-min. The center's purposes are to develop awareness of the problem of buraku discrimination among Christians and Christian churches and to build on that awareness so that they become actively involved in the process of eliminating the problem throughout society.

Today's Communion: Claudette Maier, Jean Pengosro, John Visher **Altar Guild:** Keiko Hayashi, Haruyo Inoue, Luci, Kaoru Shikata
Ushers: Claudette Maier, Junko Suzuki **Nursery:** Kaoru Hirano **Coffee Hosts:** The Men's Ministry Team **Flowers:** Aya Uda,
donated by Yumi Taguchi, to give thanks for Sunday School and to the glory of God.

EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: **Today, at 4:00 pm.** Speaker: Ken Owusu. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S SOCIETY SUMMER COFFEE: "The Beauty of Kimono," **July 8**, at 10 am, in the Fellowship Hall.

FROM SPIRITUAL LIFE - SHARING OUR EXPERIENCES OF PRAYER

Friday, July 9, at 7:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome to a special session about intercessory prayer—praying for others. This session is for everyone—from people who don't know anything about prayer to long-time pray-ers. Come and ask questions, study together, share experiences and pray afterwards. For more information contact Jean Wilson at 03-3803-3417.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (August 9-13): VBS 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 Altar Guild: T. Mukasa Ushers: April Morito Lector: Taketo Maeda (Readings: Amos 7:7-17; Ps. 82; Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37) Nursery: Josiah Childcare: TBA Greeters: TBA Coffee Hosts: The Stewardship Team Flowers: Yasuyo Osada (arrangement), Motomasa & Sumiko Sato (donation)

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 (new coordinator!) at tucprayer@yahoo.com.au for 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.

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.

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 4 (Sun)	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Adult Education Class (Balcony)
	4:00 pm	Evening Praise Service
July 8 (Thu)	10:00 am	WS Summer Coffee (B1)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
July 9 (Fri)	7:30 pm	Sharing Our Experiences of Prayer (2F)
July 10 (Sat)	2:00 pm	Homeless Dinner
July 11 (Sun)	9:00 am	Turkey Class (Library)
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Christian Education Mtg.

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

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