

Tokyo Union Church
Choir Sunday
June 13, 2004 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"

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

INTROIT

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

Sanctuary Choir

(* Please Stand; ** Late Seating)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Give ear to my words, O Lord, give heed to my sighing.

People: Listen to the sound of our cry, for to you alone do we pray.

Pastor: O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice, in the morning I plead my case to you and watch.

People: Lead us, O God, in your righteousness. Make your way straight before us.

Pastor: Let all who take refuge in you rejoice, let them ever sing for joy.

People: For you bless the righteous, O God, You cover them with favor. Let the whole assembly worship the Lord!

**OPENING HYMN 376

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, even though you have given us all we need, we resent the blessings you have given to others. Our ingratitude deserves your righteous judgment; yet we call upon you to forgive us in tender mercy.

Holy Christ, live in us by your Spirit. Give us faith to trust in your goodness, whatever our circumstance; to walk with you in paths of service, wherever you lead; and to love you and our neighbors, regardless of the cost; to the glory of God.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 98 (OT p. 551)

Lector: Nancy Pierson-Umezu

**GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS (Through Grade 4)

Pastor Bruce Sloan

(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 whole service.)

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (OT p. 806)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hear My Prayer" (M. Hogan)

Sanctuary Choir

"The Lily of the Valley" (arr. W. Whalum)

"I Hear a Voice A-Prayin'" (H. Bright)

"My Lord, What a Mornin'" (arr. H.T. Burleigh)

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" (arr. P. Knight)

"Let Me Fly" (arr. R. de Cormier)

"Dry Bones" (arr. L. Gearhart)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(11:00) Mike Samp

(Praying today for **Asian Theological Seminary, Philippines**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, piano

*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.

(8:30) HOLY COMMUNION - *Please turn to Hymnal p. 13.*

Rev. Martha Anne Fairchild

During Communion

Hymn 76 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

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.

SAYONARA BLESSINGS - (8:30) Sumbung family (11:00) Samp family

*CLOSING HYMN 440

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 587 "Amen" (twice)

(Following the 11:00 am service, the Prayer and Healing Ministry Team will be available at the front of the sanctuary for persons desiring prayer.)

POSTLUDE

"Gaudeamus" by S. S. Cambell

TUC Sanctuary Choir

Sopranos

Takako Kagotani
Akiko Kondo
Mesha McDowell
Chie Nagai
Kumiko Nishimura
Sachiko Nishimura
Yumi Nishimura
Ikuko Omori
Keiko Sasaki
Angela Sloan
Aya Uda
Sue Yokoyama

Altos

Haruno Akiyama
Terri Bostock
Cynthia Crose
Kimiko Kajiyama
Yoko Kitamura
LoAnne Olson
Yuka Omi
Nancy Pierson-Umezu

Tenors

David Exley
Julie Fukuda
Kazuo Isoda
Theodore Jennings
Dennis Schneider
Michael Sutton

Basses

Tsuyoshi Akiyama
Greg Albrecht
Gary Goodwin
Kazunori Higuchi*
Akihiro Kano
Hugh Wilkinson

Conductor: Takamichi Shiozawa

Pianist: Miwako Horii

**soloist*

Asian Theological Seminary, Philippines: ATS, located in Quezon City, provides theological education to prepare students for church work in Asia. The seminary currently trains approximately 400 Filipino students and 50 international students for ministry.

The Congregation gives glory and thanks to God for the gift of music the Choir has graced us with today. Thank you Choir, Shiozawa-san and Horii-san!

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR

Today, after 11:00 am service, in the Fellowship Hall

- 1) Meet the singers backstage! To celebrate the accomplishments of the Choir, and thank them for their special talent and commitment.
- 2) Several congregation-members will be moving away from Tokyo this summer or traveling on vacation very soon. Everyone can take this opportunity to bid your farewells personally.

All are welcome!

Pastor Craig will be on vacation from June 7 to June 28. He will be back in the office from June 30.

Communion: (8:30) Elizabeth Suzuki, Premoj Thomas **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Premoj Thomas (11:00) Joy Albrecht **Ushers:** (8:30) Hibbard family (11:00) Elizabeth Foley, Odate family **Nursery:** (11:00) Josiah **Childcare:** (8:30) Amy Mathies (11:00) Ascia Wallingford **Coffee Hosts:** The Assimilation Team **Flowers:** Junko Takahashi, donated by Anita & Russell Gesling, in celebration of Leah's 4th birthday.

THE EVANGELISM TEAM MTG. - ALPHA: **today**, at 12:30 pm, in the Library

FAREWELL POT-LUCK SUPPER FOR SUZUKIS: June 20 will be the last Sunday for Elizabeth & Yugo Suzuki to worship with us at TUC before their relocation to the States. In appreciation of their 31 years of service for our church community, we will be holding a Pot-Luck Dinner on **Sat., June 19**, at 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. All members and friends are invited. Those participating are requested to leave their names on the sign-up board in the lobby **by noon, Thurs., June 17**. ("The TUC Council Meeting of March 21, 2004, resolved that the Tokyo Union Church community expresses its sincerest appreciation for the servant-leader role Elizabeth Suzuki has faithfully played together with her husband Yugo over the 31 years of their membership." – *from the Minutes of the TUC Council Meeting, March 21, 2004*)

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins next Sunday, June 20 with one Sunday worship service at **10:00 am**. The 8:30 & 11:00 am worship service schedule will resume **August 22**.

THE NEW MEMBERS' CLASS: **Next Sunday, June 20 at 11:30 am**. All persons interested in membership at TUC are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Membership elder, Alan Sorba (070-5089-4862) or the church office.

WANTED: Crew Leaders (teachers), snack preparers, nursery helpers, craft helpers, and music leaders for Vacation Bible School, **August 9-13**. No experience necessary. If you would like to get involved with this wonderful children's ministry, please contact Nancy Pierson (umezu@gol.com) while Pastor Craig is out of town.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY **Communion:** Paul Fukuda, Jody Fuller, Jane Sinnott, Alan Sorba **Altar Guild:** Terry Mukasa
Ushers: Jody Fuller, Naomi Hagiwara, David Mutekanga, Junko Suzuki **Lectors:** Angela Sloan (**Readings:** 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Ps. 42 & 43; Gal. 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39) **Nursery:** Kaoru Hirano **Childcare:** Yumi Taguchi **Greeters:** TBA
Coffee Hosts: The Communications Team **Flowers:** April & Osamu Morito

COMMUNION PREPARATION - Volunteer Training Session: Sunday, **June 20**, immediately following the 10 am service. Come learn to prepare for the Sunday morning services and then join the Altar Guild for lunch out if you have time. We need your help on Sunday mornings!

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. Please write to tucprayer@yahoo.com.au for your prayer requests. If you are interested in becoming Prayer Chain coordinator, please contact the church office.

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.)*

June 13 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00	Worship
	9:30 am	Baptism Class (Pastor Bruce's Office)
	12:30 pm	Evangelism Mtg. - Alpha (Library)
June 14 (Mon)		Preschool Summer School Starts
June 15 (Tue)	10:00 am	WS Bible Study (2F)
	7:00 pm	Personnel Mtg.
June 17 (Thu)	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
June 19 (Sat)	7:00 pm	Pot-Luck Supper for Suzukis (B1)
June 20 (Sun)	9:00 am	Baptism Class (Pastor Bruce's Office)
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Adult Education Class (Balcony)
	11:00 am	Communion Preparation Training
	11:30 am	Sharing Class (Library)
	11:30 am	New Members' Class (2F)
	1:00 pm	Council Mtg.

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