

Tokyo Union Church
June 20, 2004 at 10:00 am

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J. S. Bach

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

INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

(* Please Stand; ** Late Seating)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

People: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Pastor: When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night,

People: Hope in God, even in distress we turn to You, O Lord, our help and our God.

**OPENING HYMN 339

"Be Thou My Vision"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, through Jesus you have come to set us free from sin and death. Still, we cling to old ways of bondage, rather than embracing your freedom.

Forgive us, merciful Savior; for though we long for you, we reject the liberation you offer us.

Open our eyes to the gift of your freedom; and give us strength to stand firm in it. Open our hearts to the depth of your love, and stir us to love as we have been loved. Unite us in the love and freedom of the Spirit, that we may display your Good News to all.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 42 (OT p. 515)

Lector: Angela Sloan

**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.)

HYMN 367

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:16-20 (NT p. 35)

SERMON

"Follow Me"

Dr. Yugo Suzuki

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **BATIS Center for Women, Philippines**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Anthem

"Sing To The Lord Our God" by H. L. Hassler

Miwako Horii, organ

*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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING IN CHORAL FORM

**All: From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise--Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung; Through every land by every tongue--Alleluia!**

Pastor: The night that Jesus was betrayed He blessed and broke the loaf and said,

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: "This is my body here for you, My gift that frees and makes you new."

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: "Then Jesus also took the cup, After those gathered had all supped

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: "This is my lifeblood shed for you, The measure of my love for you."

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: "Do this," He said, "till time shall end, In mem'ry of your living Friend"--

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: "Meet at my table and record, The love of your triumphant Lord."

People: Alleluia!

**All: Jesus your feast we celebrate. We eat the food you consecrate. Alleluia! Alleluia!
We glimpse that glad eternal feast, To which you welcome great and least. Alleluia!
O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to you let earth accord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, With Creator, and with Spirit one. Alleluia!**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

(All Christians are invited to receive communion. Children's participation in communion is dependent upon their understanding of the sacrament and the decision of their parents. All persons who do not receive communion are still very welcome to come forward for a special blessing. Please indicate to the server that you would like a "blessing" by crossing your arms in front of you in an "X shape." Families may choose to stand together as they receive communion.)

(聖餐式はクリスチャンのための式典です。クリスチャンでない方はご自分の席でお待ちになるか、または参列してサーバーの前で腕をXに組み祝福の言葉を受けて下さい。)

DURING THE COMMUNION

Hymn 93

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

A CELEBRATION OF THE BAPTISM - **Kayla Kishi Carroll**, born in Tokyo April 1, 2003

Baptized at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Saipan

Parents: Scott and Toshiko Carroll

THE PARENTAL AFFIRMATION OF KAYLA'S BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We the congregation as part of the body of Christ, accept Kayla into our fellowship. We will love her and encourage her and help maintain a vibrant spiritual life in this church, where she can learn the Scriptures, see the reality of Christ in our fellowship, and be drawn into a personal and living relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 525

"Here I Am, Lord"

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 - Elizabeth & Yugo Suzuki, Wilson family

*CLOSING HYMN 488 "The God of Abraham Praise"

*BENEDICTION

*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 "Fugue in D minor" by J. S. Bach

BATIS Center for Women, Philippines: BATIS ministers to migrant working women returning from Japan who have been subjected to human rights violations, domestic violence, and forced prostitution. BATIS provides a comprehensive healing program and an on-going support program which provides skills training and job-seeking assistance.

We are grateful to Dr. Yugo Suzuki for leading our worship today. He was the Head Chaplain and professor of Christian Studies at Aoyama Gakuin University. His wife, Elizabeth has been our worship elder and volunteered many hours at TUC. Today is the last Sunday for them to worship with us at TUC before their relocation to the States. We truly appreciate their service for over 31 years of their membership.

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

Today's Communion: Paul Fukuda, Jody Fuller, Jane Sinnott, Alan Sorba **Altar Guild:** T. Mukasa **Ushers:** Jody Fuller, Naomi Hagiwara, David Mutekanga, Junko Suzuki **Nursery:** Kaoru Hirano **Childcare:** Yumi Taguchi
Coffee Hosts: The Communications Team **Flowers:** April & Osamu Morito, to the glory of God.

PEW CUSHIONS: Swatches of the fabrics being considered for the new pew cushions will be on display in the sanctuary immediately following **today's** service. Come give your opinion!

COMMUNION PREPARATION - Volunteer Training Session: Immediately following **today's** 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!

THE NEW MEMBERS' CLASS: **Today 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.

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

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. The registration form is available in the Lobby, the fee is **¥4,000** (not ¥3,000).

DONATIONS WANTED: The Vacation Bible School Arts and Crafts team needs 500 ml or 16 oz. empty PET bottles to be used at the arts and crafts session during VBS. Please save as many as you can (we need 2 per child) during the week, wash them out, and bring them to TUC on Sunday. There will be a large box in the lobby marked "VBS donations", so please put them in there. Thanks!

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY Altar Guild: Nobuko Gaine Ushers: Jody Fuller, Claudette Maier, David Mutekanga Lector: Joy Albrecht (Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20; Gal. 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62) Nursery: Kaori Murakami Childcare: TBA Greeters: TBA Coffee Hosts: The Worship & Music Ministry Team Flowers: Geff & Tomoko Ball

CONGRATULATIONS to Amanda & Mark Nelson on the birth of Jed Nelson (4,010g, 51cm) on 6/15/2004. Both mother and baby are doing well. A ROSEBUD is placed in the chancel in celebration of his birth.

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 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.
	5:00 pm	Young Adults' Group BBQ (Manse)
June 21 (Mon)	7:00 pm	Preschool Board Mtg. (4F)
June 24 (Thu)	10:00 am	WS Summer Program/Coffee (B1)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
June 27 (Sun)	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Adult Education Class (Balcony)

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

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