

Tokyo Union Church
June 27, 2004 at 10:00 am

PRELUDE

"Fantasia in G minor" by J. Pachelbel

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

INTROIT

(* Please Stand; ** Late Seating)

Sanctuary Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Irenaeus (c. 200)

Pastor: God's splendor is the course of life.

People: Those who seek God shall find God.

Pastor: God was beyond the reach of human mind, incomprehensible and invisible.

People: God made himself visible, intelligible and knowable so that those who see and accept God may possess life.

Pastor: Since it is impossible to live without life and the reality of life proceeds from God, sharing God's life means seeing God and enjoying God's favor.

People: Those who see God will live.

**OPENING HYMN 288

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty deliverer, you open to us the highways of freedom, yet we stay on familiar paths of bondage. When Jesus calls us to follow, we try to justify our desire our own way. We are neither ready nor fit for your service. Still, you claim us as your own.

In mercy, forgive us, renew us, empower us - that we may live by the Spirit, bearing good fruit to your honor and glory.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:51-62 (NT p. 70)

Lector: Joy Albrecht

**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 entire service.)

HYMN 413

"All Who Love and Serve Your City"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 2:1-14 (OT p. 332)

SERMON

"To Inherit A Double Share"

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Brobo Ecumenical AIDS Prevention, Cote d'Ivoire**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Anthem

"The Lord Bless You" by J. Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings - "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

BAPTISM

Candidates for Baptism: Peilei Fan, Masanori Onozuka, Atsuko Yoshida

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Response: I do.

Pastor: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Response: I do.

Pastor: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Response: I do.

Pastor: According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

Response: I will.

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

Congregation: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

Congregation: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Congregation: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER OF BLESSING

BAPTISM - **Max Taiki Onozuka**, born in München, Germany on Sep. 4, 1997

Bryce Kazuki Onozuka, born in München, Germany on Mar. 20, 1999

Parents: Joy & Masanori Onozuka

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Joy & Masanori, what do you ask of God's church for Max & Bryce?

I ask that Max & Bryce 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

Joy & Masanori, I ask you now to respond to God's graciousness to Max & Bryce by making these solemn promises:

Will you provide for your children a Christian home of love and trust? **With God's help, I will.**

Will you set before Max & Bryce the example of a Christian life, and will you pray that your children will learn the way of Christ? **With God's help, I will.**

Will you encourage your children to grow within the fellowship of the church so that Max & Bryce 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: Max & Bryce are received into the holy catholic church. Through baptism, God has made them members 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 Max & Bryce, and to assist them to be faithful disciples.

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.**

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION & QUESTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor: Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you depend upon Him for salvation as it is offered in the gospel?

New Members: **I do.**

Pastor: Do you promise that, relying on the help of the Holy Spirit, you will endeavor to live as a follower of Christ?

New Members: **I do.**

Pastor: Will you continue to grow as a Christian and seek to know and do the will of God as taught in the Bible?

New Members: **I will.**

Pastor: Will you be loyal to the church of Christ, wherever you are, and will you support this church by your prayers, presence, gifts, and service?

New Members: **I will.**

COVENANT OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Do you, the members of this congregation, welcome these disciples who have witnessed to their faith in Jesus Christ, and promise by your fellowship to strengthen their ties with the household of God?

Congregation: **We do. With joy and thanksgiving we renew our covenant with God and with each other, as we welcome you into this Christian fellowship. With you we dedicate our lives and our church to the work of the Kingdom of God.**

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 - Sinnott family

*CLOSING HYMN

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

(Refrain) **Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home**
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home

I look over Jordan what did I see? Coming for to carry me home
A band of angels coming after me, Coming for to carry me home *(Refrain)*

You get a there before I do, Coming for to carry me home
Tell all of my friends I'm coming too, Coming for to carry me home *(Refrain)*

*BENEDICTION

The whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

- Galatians 5:14

*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

“Toccata in E minor” by J. Pachelbel

Brobo Ecumenical AIDS Prevention, Cote d'Ivoire: BROBO is battling the overwhelming HIV/AIDS rate of infection in Cote d'Ivoire by providing dynamic re-education programs, especially among the youth. Educational programs are held in churches, at major festivals, and in community meetings in over 11 communities.

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

Today's Altar Guild: Nobuko Gaine **Ushers:** Jody Fuller, Claudette Maier, David Mutekanga **Nursery:** Kaori Murakami **Childcare:** Kathy Koll **Flowers:** Geoff & Tomoko Ball, who were married at TUC yesterday.

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

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

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

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 **Communion:** Claudette Maier, Jean Pengosro, John Visher **Altar Guild:** Keiko Hayashi, Haruyo Inoue, Luci, Kaoru Shikata **Ushers:** Claudette Maier, Junko Suzuki **Lector:** Andy Hayashi (**Readings:** 2 Kings 5:1-14; Ps. 30; Gal. 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20) **Nursery:** Kaoru Hirano **Childcare:** TBA **Greeters:** TBA **Coffee Hosts:** TBA **Flowers:** Aya Uda (arrangement), Yumi Taguchi (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. 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 27 (Sun)	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Adult Education Class (Balcony)
July 1 (Thu)	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
July 2 (Fri)	10:30 am	Children's Ministry Mtg. (2F)
	1:00 pm	Altar Guild
July 3 (Sat)		Young Adults' Group Sports Day
July 4 (Sun)	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Adult Education Class (Balcony)
	2:00 pm	Turkey Class (Library)
	4:00 pm	Evening Praise Service

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

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