

Tokyo Union Church
Trinity Sunday
June 6, 2004 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" by J. S. Bach

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

(11:00) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

(Please Stand; ** Late Seating)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 8)*

Pastor: Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world!

People: Your praise reaches up to the heavens; it is sung by children and babies.

Pastor: When I look at the sky, which you have made, at the moon and the stars which you have set in their places . . .

People: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Pastor: Yet you made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world!

**OPENING HYMN 139

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most understanding God, we confess our tendency to wallow in our shame and guilt, our faults and failings, and to use these as excuses not to serve you. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to see that the ministries to which you call us come graciously accompanied by the forgiveness and power that they require; and remind us to give you the glory for whatever is accomplished through us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now hear the good news. God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. As far as the East is from the West, God removes our transgressions from us. We are freed of our past burdens to respond graciously to God's gift of forgiveness. Praise be to God. Amen.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31 (OT p. 590)

Lectors: (8:30) Jean Pengosro (11:00) Russell Gesling

**GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS (Through Grade 4)

Jody Fuller

(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 138

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-20 (NT p. 34)

SERMON

"Present Absence"

Pastor Craig Hunter

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Amity Foundation, China**)

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED - **ecumenical** (Hymnal p. 14)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Meditative Music

(11:00) Anthem

"Thanks Be To Thee" by G. F Handel

Junko Sasaki, organ
Sanctuary Choir

*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.

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 513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Hymn 514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS

Adult Christian Education

David Stuchbury

Jean Wilson

Kindergarten and Pre-school

Suan Chiwata

Susan Prout

Debbie Whitehead

Kingdom Come Kids (KCK)

Joy Albrecht

Nancy Blackburn

Anita Gesling

Naomi Hagiwara

Brian Hayman

Susan Hirakawa

Kristin Kirkhoff

Yasue Kobayashi

See See Lee

Iain McDonald

Todd McHenry

Jackie Militello

April Morito

Janelle Odate

Flavio Ohno

Heidi Okada

May Okada

Joy Onozuka

Nancy Pierson

Alex Prout

Norma Ramseyer

Lyn Sato

Carey Thomasian

Nobuko Tsutsui

Dee Walker

Heather Williams

Maggie Yamasaki

Sue Yokoyama

Hannah Yoshimura

Middle School Youth

Josiah

Dale Rebhorn

Leslie Rebhorn

Jane Sinnott

Nursery

Asuncion Eusebio

Rudelyn Sauce

Senior High Youth

Tom Rudzinski

Jessica Cutrera

Worship Child Care

Amy Mathies

Elizabeth Ogiyama

Madoka Yoshida

Youth Fellowship

Jessica Cutrera

Debbie Hayman

Deb Hibbard

Josiah

Claudette Maier

Janelle Odate

Lisa Pruessing

Tom Rudzinski

Jane Sinnott

Cheryl Walenta

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 368

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 586: **Amen, Amen, Amen.**)

(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

"Tuba Tune in D" by C. S. Lang

Everyone is welcome to join the Celebration Worship at 12:30 pm.

Amity Foundation's Back-to-School Project, China: The Amity Foundation, a volunteer organization created by Chinese Christians, promotes education, social services, health, and rural development in poor communities throughout China. Amity Foundation provides financial sponsorship for thousands of children who otherwise would have no chance to attend school.

Pastor Craig will be on vacation from June 7 to June 28.

Communion: (8:30) Jody Fuller, Alan Sorba (11:00) Claudette Maier, Brock McMunn, David Stuchbury, Maggie Yamasaki **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Keiko Hayashi (11:00) Joy Albrecht **Ushers:** (8:30) Jiro & Keiko Hayashi (11:00) Dee & Monte Walker, Hiroshi Matsuno **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Childcare:** (8:30) Debbie Mullins (11:00) Ascia Wallingford **Coffee Hosts:** The Administration Team **Flowers:** Mark & Sachiyo Miller, who were married on June 5.

THE KOINONIA & OPEN CIRCLE NEWSLETTERS are ready! Please pick them up in the lobby **today**, so that we can save the postage.

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

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: Saturday, **June 12**, 8:30-10:00 am, at Andersen's Restaurant near the church. RSVP to Brock McMunn (Tel/Fax: 03-3582-7463) or the church office **by Tuesday, June 8** for the breakfast.

CHOIR SUNDAY - JUNE 13: The Sanctuary Choir will present a selection of traditional and not-so-traditional spirituals at the 8:30 & 11:00 services **next Sunday, June 13**. We hope that you will join us in this celebration of music!

THE EVANGELISM TEAM MTG. - ALPHA: Sunday, **June 13**, 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*)

THE NEW MEMBERS' CLASS: **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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (**Aug. 9-13**): Director, teachers and volunteers needed. See the leaflet in the lobby.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins **June 20** with one Sunday worship service at **10:00 am**. (There is no 12:30 pm worship during summer.)
The 8:30 & 11:00 am worship service schedule will resume **August 22**.
There is no Celebration Worship at 12:30 pm next Sunday, June 13.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY **Communion:** (8:30) TBA **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Premoj Thomas (11:00) Joy Albrecht **Ushers:** (8:30) Hibbard family (11:00) Elizabeth Foley, Odate family **Lectors:** (8:30 & 11:00) Nancy Pierson (**Readings:** 1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a; Ps. 5:1-8; Gal. 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3) **Nursery:** (11:00) Josiah **Childcare:** (8:30) TBA (11:00) Ascia Wallingford **Greeters:** TBA **Coffee Hosts:** The Assimilation Team **Flowers:** Junko Takahashi (arrangement), Anita & Russell Gesling (donation)

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!

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: Lori Samp (tucprayer@yahoo.com.au). 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 6 (Sun)	8:30/11:00/12:30	Worship
	9:30 am	Baptism Class (Pastor Bruce's Office)
	9:45 am	Teacher Appreciation Brunch (B1)
	1:00 pm	Outreach Mtg. (Library)
	1:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Evening Praise Service
June 8 (Tue)	10:00 am	WS Bible Study (2F)
June 10 (Thu)	6:30 pm	Admin. Mtg.
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
June 12 (Sat)	8:30 am	Men's Ministry Breakfast (Andersen's)
	2:00 pm	Homeless Dinner (B1)
June 13 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00	Worship - Choir Sunday
	9:30 am	Baptism Class (Pastor Bruce's Office)
	12:30 pm	Evangelism Mtg. (Library)

<Next New Members' Class: **June 20 at 11:30 am** in the 2nd Floor Classroom>

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