

Tokyo Union Church
5th Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2005 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

"Meditation" by J. G. Rheinberger

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

(11:00) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

(* Please Stand; ** Late Seating)

Liturgists: (8:30) Sajeeve Thomas (11:00) Suresh Kukde

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship God of steadfast love and hope.

People: God, breathe life into us and let us live.

Leader: Set our minds on your holy spirit of life and peace.

People: We gather here in the hope of God's holy word and the gift of new life.

**OPENING HYMN 483

"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, who loves us beyond comprehension, we confess that we are a people who have gone astray. We have forgotten your laws and your love. We have failed to love others as you have loved us. We have judged and condemned rather than open our arms and hearts. Forgive us, we pray. Hold us and continue to love us, that we might be freed to embody your love in our families and churches and communities. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130 (OT p. 573)

Lectors: (8:30) Koichiro Chiwata (11:00) Ryo Takagi

** (8:30) GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Virsa Hurt

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.

** (11:00) SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesus Loves Me"

TUC International Children's Choir

"Standing in the Need of Prayer"

MOMENT FOR MISSION - Easter Special Offering

Jody Fuller, Outreach Elder

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-44 (NT p. 104)

SERMON

Pastor Craig Hunter

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **KRUPA, India**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Meditative Music

Junko Sasaki, organ

(11:00) Anthem

"And No Bird Sung" by D. Wagner

Sanctuary Choir

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" Let the poor say, "I am rich,"

because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks!

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

Hymn 513

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

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 11:00 am service, so we can greet you personally.

(11:00) SAYONARA BLESSINGS - Akihiro Kano

*CLOSING HYMN 343

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*BENEDICTION

Go into the world with a daring and a tender love. Go in peace. And whatever you do, do it out of Love, and by the grace that comes to you through Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, be with you now and evermore. Amen.

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

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

POSTLUDE

"He Who Lets Only Beloved God Rule" by J. S. Bach

Today's Acolytes: (8:30) Ian Mullins (11:00) Yumi Sato, Casey Walker

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

KRUPA, India: KRUPA is a Christian ministry which provides integrated community development for socially marginalized groups including leprosy colonies, gypsy communities, and prisons. They provide educational, physical and spiritual nurture as well as housing, civic amenities and self-empowerment schemes for these poverty-stricken communities.

TUC International Children's Choir is a collaboration between the TUC Preschool-Kindergarten and the Sunday School Pre-school Class.

Pastor Bruce is on study leave and vacation until March 19.

Today's Communion: (8:30) Scott Carroll, Elizabeth Foley **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Terry Mukasa (11:00) Junko Takahashi **Ushers:** (8:30) Postema family (11:00) Ken Inkster, Dee & Monte Walker **Nursery:** (11:00) Toshiko Carroll **Childcare:** (8:30) Michelle May (11:00) Josiah **Coffee Hosts:** Preschool parents **Flowers:** Chika Eto, donated by Dima Kato, in thanksgiving to God.

KOINONIA NEWSLETTER (April issue) Deadline: **March 15**. Sunday Bulletin Deadline: **Every Tuesday**.

YOU ARE INVITED to join the new Women's Society class "An Introduction to Christian Worship" starting **this Wednesday**. The Class will be conducted by Pastor Craig in the Library on Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am from March 16 to April 20.

MARCH MEN'S BREAKFAST: Because the WS Flea Market was scheduled Friday & Saturday, March 11 - 12, the March Men's Breakfast will be on the third Saturday, rather than the usual second Saturday, of the month. Please plan to attend the breakfast in TUC Fellowship Hall from 8:30-10:00 am on Saturday, **March 19**.

GAMES NIGHT has been cancelled this month (**March 19**) due to the rescheduling of the Youth Retreat.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS: Everyone has the opportunity to donate Easter flowers this year in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a marriage, child, parent, etc. Please fill out a special envelope in the Lobby with your **¥3,000** donation and put in the offering plate or give it to the church office **by March 20**.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY **Acolytes:** (8:30) Ian Mullins (11:00) Yumi Sato, Otoha Tsutsui **Communion:** (8:30) John Mullins, Do Sohn **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Joy Albrecht (11:00) Yong Lee **Ushers:** (8:30) Hibbard family (11:00) Chika Eto, Jody Fuller, Naomi Hagiwara, Sajeeve Thomas **Lectors:** (8:30) Hugh Wilkinson (11:00) Carol McMunn (**Readings:** Matt. 21:1-11; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27:66 or Matt. 27:11-54) **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Childcare:** (8:30) TBA (11:00) Hugh Hanan **Coffee Host:** Douglas Sirak **Flowers:** Dima Kato (donation), Kaoru Shikata (arrangement)

CONGRATULATIONS to Daniel & Yuko DiCicco on the birth of Emanuelle Sakura DiCicco (3,474 g) on 2/24/2005. Both mother and baby are doing well. A ROSEBUD is placed in the chancel in celebration of her birth.

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 other prayer requests we receive during the week. Contact Mary Foster at tucprayer@yahoo.com.au with your prayer requests.

TUC PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN is looking for head teachers and substitute teachers. Qualifications: Head teacher - Early Childhood certification and minimum 2 years of teaching experience. Substitute teacher - must enjoy working with children ages 2 to 6, some teaching experience preferred. For further details, please contact Jennifer Toyoshima on 3400-1579.

Finance Ministry Team Update -2005 BUDGET

On Feb. 12 the Congregation approved the 2005 budget. With a DEFICIT of 15 Million Yen, it is the first time in the recent past that TUC has approved a deficit budget. The deficit is a result of a combination of a gradual downward trend in contributions combined with an upward trend in discretionary expenditure. While the council is closely monitoring all discretionary expenditure and considering ways to minimize some of the discretionary items in the coming years, we also ask that members, associate members and friends of TUC alike prayerfully consider what they can do to help the church maintain its existing Ministry Programs. Without financial and other support from the members and friends of TUC, it will be necessary for the Council to examine more closely which of the existing TUC Ministry Programs can continue to be supported in the future. If you were not at the Congregational Meeting and would like further information, please talk to the Finance Elder – John Mullins, or the Treasurer – Russell Gesling.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 20 - Passion/Palm Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 am and 12:30 pm
March 24 - Maundy Thursday	7:30 pm
March 25 - Good Friday	7:30 pm
March 27 - Easter Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 am and 12:30 pm

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.)

Mar. 13 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School/Confirmation Class
	12:30 pm	Celebration Worship
	after the 12:30 service	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	2:00 pm	Israel/Palestine Class (B1)
Mar. 15 (Tue)		KOINONIA Deadline
	10:00 am	WS Tue. Bible Study (2F)
Mar. 16 (Wed)	10:00 am	WS Wed. Bible Study (Library)
	7:00 pm	Israel/Palestine Class (Sanctuary)
Mar. 17 (Thu)	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Mar. 18 (Fri)		Youth Group Retreat (~3/20)
Mar. 19 (Sat)	8:30 am	Men's Ministry Breakfast (B1)
	2:00 pm	Homeless Dinner (B1)
Mar. 20 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School/Confirmation Class
	12:30 pm	Celebration Worship
	12:30 pm	New Members' Class (2F)
	2:00 pm	Council Mtg.

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