

Tokyo Union Church
Passion/Palm Sunday
March 20, 2005 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE "To Thee, Lord Jesu, Thanks We Give" by J. S. Bach
We welcome you to Tokyo Union Church. Please sign the pew registry.
(Please Stand; ** Late Seating)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
People: Blessed be the one who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.
Pastor: You are God and I will give thanks to you.
People: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is God; the steadfast love of God endures forever!

**OPENING HYMN 88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
Sanctuary Choir & KCK (Kingdom Come Kids) in procession

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of each new day, we confess that we join the crowds to praise you, but all to quickly join the crowds who insult and alienate and blame. We disgrace ourselves. Forgive us for listening too intently to all the voices of the world that clamor for our attention. Make us bold to speak up for the downtrodden, the oppressed, those captives to their fears. O God, who sustains the weary, open our hearts to see each other as you see us. Open our ears to hear your voice and give us Christ-like steadfastness in living our faith, serving others and bringing rest to the weary. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-11 (NT p. 23)
Lectors: (8:30) Hugh Wilkinson (11:00) Carol McMunn

**GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS Pastor Bruce
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.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:5-11 (NT p. 197)

SERMON "Soft Power" Pastor Craig Hunter

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy, Russia**)
The Lord's Prayer – **Ecumenical** (Hymnal p. 16)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Anthem "Worthy Is The Lamb Medley" arranged by D. Wyrzten Sanctuary Choir

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings - Doxology (Hymn 592)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(8:30) HOLY COMMUNION - *Please turn to Hymnal p. 13.*
Meditative Music Miwako Horii, organ

MOMENT FOR MISSION - Easter Special Offering (8:30) Jody Fuller, Outreach Elder
(11:00) Jody Fuller & Richard Foster

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.

*CLOSING HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians"
1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
(Refrain) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (Refrain)
3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. (Refrain)
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. (Refrain)

*BENEDICTION
May the Christ who through love became Lord, and who through sacrifice became Savior, receive your shouts of Hosanna through all the streets of this life and the streets of the city to come.

*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 "See the Lord of Life and Light" by J. S. Bach

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

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

Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy, Russia: Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy (MPC) is an interdenominational congregation in the heart of Russia's capital city. A significant ministry of the congregation is a soup kitchen which provides food and the love of Christ to the poor, elderly and foreigners who reside in Moscow.

Today's 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 **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Childcare:** (11:00) Hugh Hanan **Coffee Host:** Douglas Sirak **Flowers:** Kaoru Shikata, donated by Dima Kato, in thanksgiving to God.

TODAY no traffic allowed on Omotesando Street (in front of TUC) from 2 – 4 pm for St. Patrick Day Parade. Police will start clearing the street in the morning. - Drivers, be aware!!

EASTER LILY DONATIONS: Please fill out a special envelope in the Lobby with your **¥3,000** donation (in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving to God etc.) and put in the offering plate or give it to the church office **by today.**

Annual Meeting of the Congregation – April 3, 2005

at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

In accordance with the Constitution of Tokyo Union Church, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held to receive written reports from Council officers, Council ministry teams, and other church organizations for the previous year, review the budget to date, and approve the minutes for all congregational meetings held in the past year. Other business as may properly come before the meeting will also be considered.

TUC Members with specific items they would like to bring before the meeting are asked to please notify Bill Hibbard, the President of the Congregation. All persons in the TUC community are invited and encouraged to attend but only those who are members of TUC may vote.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY **Acolytes:** (8:30) Shimon Umezu, Casey Walker (11:00) Jake Hibbard, Megan Hibbard
Communion: (8:30) Tsuyoshi Akiyama, Hitomi Yokote (11:00) Paul Fukuda, Bill Hibbard, Lisa Pruessing, David Stuchbury, Kevin Takeuchi, Premoj Thomas, Maggie Yamasaki **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Yong Lee, Kaoru Shikata (11:00) Joy Albrecht, Nobuko Gaine
Ushers: (8:30) Gesling family (11:00) Suresh Kukde, Odate family, Paul Robotham **Lectors:** (8:30) Nancy Pierson (11:00) Josiah
Readings: Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6; Ps. 118:1-2 14-24; Col. 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matt. 28:1-10
Nursery: (11:00) Tamako Bunting **Childcare:** (8:30) TBA (11:00) Kathy Koll **Coffee Hosts:** The Outreach Ministry Team
Flowers: Flower Coordinators' Team

THIS WEEK AT TUC (Details on bulletin boards in the lobby.)

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)
	12:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	1:30 pm	Council Mtg.
Mar. 21 (Mon)		Church Office Closed (National Holiday)
Mar. 22 (Tue)	10:00 am	WS Tue. Bible Study (2F)
Mar. 23 (Wed)	10:00 am	WS Wed. Bible Study (Library)
	7:00 pm	Israel/Palestine Class (Sanctuary)
Mar. 24 (Thu)	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)
	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Mar. 25 (Fri)	7:30 pm	Good Friday Service
Mar. 26 (Sat)	6:00 pm	Youth Gathering
Mar. 27 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship - Easter Sunday
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	12:30 pm	Celebration Worship

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Tokyo Union Church Outreach Ministry

Easter 2005 Special Offering

Please read about the following two projects selected by the Outreach Ministry Team which focus on the needs of children in two very poor regions of the world.

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