

***Tokyo Union Church
Pentecost Sunday
The Birthday of the Church
May 15, 2005 at 8:30 & 11:00 am***

PRELUDE "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire" by E. Broughton

(8:30) INTROIT Sanctuary Choir

(11:00) INTROIT "Psalm 23" arranged by B. McFerrin The Duke's Men of Yale

(Please Stand; ** Late Seating)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Come Holy Spirit, breathe on us this day.

People: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and fill us with the wonder of your creation.

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul. God's works are many and in wisdom God has made them all.

People: Send forth your Spirit upon us and renew us this day!

****OPENING HYMN 326** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. In your wisdom, you have created us and called us to be your people. You offer us a spirit of love and peace and joy. And yet, we confess that we have not loved as you would have us love. We have not been peaceful in our families, our communities, and our world. We too often wallow in pity rather than share a joyous enthusiasm for life. Loving God, forgive us that our love for you has not been more enthusiastic; that our dreams and visions have fallen short of your expectations of us. Send your spirit upon us now so that your church and all of your people may witness to the good news of your love. Fill us with new life for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (verse 1)**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.**

****SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *In the Voice of the Nations of the World* Acts 2:1-21 (NT p. 119)

*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 322

“Spirit of the Living God”

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 11:24-30 (OT p. 129)

SERMON

“That All of God’s People Would Be Prophets”

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Tokyo English Lifeline (TELL), Japan**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Anthem

“The Lily of the Valley” by W. Whalum

Sanctuary Choir

(11:00) Special Music

“Gonna Build a Mountain”

The Duke’s Men of Yale

*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 316 “Breathe on Me, Breath 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 11:00 am service, so we can greet you personally.

*CLOSING HYMN 315

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

*BENEDICTION

*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

“Allegro Maestoso” by D. P. Benoit

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

Tokyo English Lifeline (TELL), Japan: TELL provides telephone counseling, face-to-face counseling, substance-abuse treatment, and training for handling emergency situations and crisis intervention. Telephone counseling is provided in English by trained volunteers. Face-to-face counseling is available from qualified, professional counselors in several languages.

Please be careful with your valuables as we have had some problems with theft in the church building.

Today's Communion: (8:30) Maggie Yamasaki **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Yong Lee (11:00) Junko Takahashi **Ushers:** (11:00) Pamela Bishop, Jody Fuller, Ken Inkster, Hitomi Yokote **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Childcare:** (11:00) Amy Dunkle **Flowers:** Aya Uda, donated by the Assimilation Ministry Team, to welcome the visit of the Duke's Men of Yale to Tokyo Union Church

KOINONIA NEWSLETTER (Summer issue - June/July/August) Deadline: **Today.** Sunday Bulletin Deadline: **Every Tuesday.**

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH organized by the Fellowship Team & the Assimilation Team will be held **today**, after the 11:00 am service, in the Fellowship Hall. Donations for the lunch would be greatly appreciated.

THE NEW MEMBERS' CLASS: **Today**, at 12:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Classroom. All persons interested in membership at TUC are invited to attend.

ALPHA COURSE will start **today**, 3-5 pm, in the Sanctuary.

THE DUKE'S MEN OF YALE, an all-male a cappella singing group from Yale University will have an evening concert at 7:30 pm **tomorrow, Monday, May 16**, in the TUC Sanctuary.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 22, is Confirmation Sunday. We look forward to receiving these new members.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: We would like to acknowledge all high school seniors and present them with a gift during the 11:00 services **next Sunday, May 22**. Please confirm with Pastor Craig or the church office **by Tuesday, May 17** if you are graduating.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY **Communion:** (8:30) John Mullins **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Eun Jung Chung (11:00) Joy Albrecht **Ushers:** (8:30) Gesling family (11:00) Odate family **Lectors:** (8:30) Scott Carroll (11:00) Jody Fuller (**Readings:** Gen. 1:1-2:4a; Ps. 8; 2 Cor. 13:11-13; Matt. 28:16-20) **Nursery:** (11:00) Tamako Bunting **Childcare:** (8:30) TBA (11:00) Marcos Williams & Ayako Saijo **Coffee Hosts:** Julie & Paul Fukuda **Flowers:** Chika Eto (arrangement), Alison Harada (donation)

DIRECTORY for Members & Friends of TUC: Please inform the church office if you have not picked up your copy at TUC.

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.

SUMMER SCHOOL (**June 13 - July 1**) application process for children not attending regular classes at the TUC Early Learning Center (ELC) starts on **May 10**. Your child may attend one, two or three weeks. With Christian values as the foundation of the program, there will be lots of fun activities such as cooking, music, crafts, games, playing in water and sand. Each week focuses on a different country from a different continent. For more information, contact Jennifer Toyoshima, Director, at 3400-1579.

TUC EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC) would like to hire one head teacher (qualifications: Christian, Early Childhood qualifications, native English speaker) and one assistant teacher (qualifications: Christian, Early Childhood qualifications preferred or qualifications in art or music, native or near native English speaker). Please fax your resume to 3400-1579.

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.)

May 15 (Sun)		KOINONIA Deadline
	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship - Pentecost Sunday
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	after 11 am service	Congregational Lunch (B1)
	12:30 pm	Celebration Worship
	12:30 pm	New Members' Class (2F)
	2:00 pm	Council Mtg.
	3:00 pm	Alpha Course (Sanctuary)
May 16 (Mon)	7:30 pm	The Duke's Men of Yale Concert (Sanctuary)
May 17 (Tue)	10:00 am	WS Bible Study (2F)
May 18 (Wed)	7:00 pm	Israel/Palestine Class (2F)
May 19 (Thu)	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
May 21 (Sat)		Youth Senior High Lock-In (~5/22)
May 22 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship - Confirmation/Trinity Sunday
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	12:30 pm	Celebration Worship
	2:00 pm	Theology Reading Group (2F)
	3:00 pm	Alpha Course (Sanctuary)

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