

Tokyo Union Church
7th Sunday of Easter
May 23, 2004 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE "Beautiful Savior" by F. Peeters

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

(11:00) INTROIT Sanctuary Choir
(* Please Stand; ** Late Seating)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: God rules over all creation, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness; and all the people behold God's glory.

Pastor: For you, O God, are most high over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

People: Let us rejoice in the Lord and give thanks to God's holy name!

**OPENING HYMN 151 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy Creator and Judge of all, you made us to enjoy open fellowship, both with yourself and with one another. As the Son and the Father are One, so we are created to live together in perfect unity. Yet we have rebelled against your authority, and have turned against one another.

In mercy, forgive us, and spare us our due judgment. Fill us anew with your Spirit, that we would richly manifest your rule of righteousness, peace, and joy; so enable us to walk rightly before you, in loving unity with one another, fulfilling your good and holy purpose for us.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

****SHARING OF THE PEACE**

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John 17:20-26 (NT p. 111)

Lectors: (8:30) David Stuchbury (11:00) Tim Wada

(11:00) SPECIAL MUSIC "Jesus Loves Me" Preschool/Kindergarten
"My God Is So Big"
"If I Were A Butterfly"

HYMN 391 "Take My Life"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 47 (OT p. 518)

SERMON "Now Really! Clap Your Hands?" Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (**High School Graduates**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

(11:00) Anthem "Grant Peace, We Pray" by Mendelssohn

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.*

During Communion Hymn 345 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

(11:00) THE RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

**Sara Cain
Jenny Campbell
Sean Samp
Emily Sinnott
Rachel Sinnott**

(11:00) 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 in the Fellowship Hall, so we can greet you personally.

(11:00) SAYONARA BLESSINGS - Tom Rudzinski, Paul Stojak

*CLOSING HYMN 339 "Be Thou My Vision"

*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 "Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast" by F. Peeters

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

We are thankful to the Preschool/Kindergarten children for presenting special music at 11:00 service today.

Today's Communion: (8:30) Scott Carroll, John Mullins **Altar Guild:** (8:30) T. Mukasa (11:00) Joy Albrecht
Ushers: (8:30) Postema family (11:00) Naomi Hagiwara, Brock McMunn, Junko Suzuki **Nursery:** (11:00) Jolanda Blomjous
Coffee Hosts: The Outreach Ministry Team **Flowers:** Aya Uda, donated by Yasue Kobayashi, to the glory of God.

EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: **June 6, at 4:00 pm.** Speaker: Jean Wilson. All are welcome!

PENTECOST READERS: As is the custom on Pentecost Sunday, we will be reading the Scripture lessons in as many languages as possible. If you speak a language other than English, and have a Bible in that language, we need you to read at **either the 8:30 or 11:00 am service on May 30.** Please contact Nancy Pierson (3721-0991, umezu@gol.com).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (**Aug. 9-13**) is coming! Are you ready to have fun? Teachers and volunteers needed. See the insert.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY **Communion:** (8:30) Tsuyoshi Akiyama, Premoj Thomas **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Keiko Hayashi (11:00) Joy Albrecht
Ushers: (8:30) Postema family (11:00) Odate family, Sajeeve & Premoj Thomas
Lectors: (8:30) Tom Postema (11:00) Yoshimitsu Nakao (**Readings:** Acts 2:1-21 or Gen. 11:1-9; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b Rom. 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, (25-27)) **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaori Murakami **Childcare:** TBA **Greeters:** TBA
Coffee Hosts: The Property & Use Team **Flowers:** TBA (arrangement), Elizabeth Foley (donation)

ADULT BAPTISM: If anyone is interested in an adult baptism class, please contact Pastor Bruce at pastor@gol.com.

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.

PART-TIME POSITIONS AT TOKYO UNION CHURCH: **Children's Ministry Director (new position)** - Do you love children and have a heart for the gospel? Were you ever a child yourself? Would you like to see the children of TUC grow in their Christian faith, and do you have the energy and vision to make that happen? Those with patience, imagination, energy and experience working with children are encouraged to get more information. **Youth Ministry Director** - With the assistance of a devoted and talented group of parents and young adults, this person will have the opportunity to plan and implement programs as diverse as the interests of the youth – everything from mission trips to ice-skating to spiritual retreats. *Please speak with Pastor Craig for details.*

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 a Prayer Chain coordinator, please contact the church office.

“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.)

May 23 (Sun)	8:30/11:00/12:30	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	2:00 pm	Turkey Class (Library)
May 25 (Tue)	10:00 am	WS Bible Study (2F)
May 26 (Wed)	7:00 pm	TUC Bible Study (2F)
May 27 (Thu)	9:00 am	WS Board Mtg. (Library)
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
May 30 (Sun)	8:30/11:00/12:30	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	2:00 pm	Turkey Class (Library)

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

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TUC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

TUC's Lava Lava Island

TUC Explodes with Fun!!

Do you feel the ground rumbling underneath your feet?! That is the excitement building as TUC prepares for this year's VBS theme, Lava Lava Island! Our program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for kids as they sing songs, play team games, experience earth-shattering Bible adventures, and create Bible Point Crafts that kids will take home. And Chadder the Chipmunk will be back with Chadder's Island Adventure Theater!

Lava Lava Island will begin on Monday, **August 9**, and continue through Friday, **August 13, from 9:30 to 12:00**. Eligible "Island Crews" consist of rising **Kindergarten (must be 5 years old by September 1st) through 5th grade students**. The program is presented in English and children must understand and speak English to participate.

If you are too big to be on an "Island Crew," but would still love to get involved, we need Island Crew Leaders, snack preparers, nursery helpers and craft helpers. Contact Pastor Craig Hunter (3400-0047 or astpastr@gol.com) to volunteer your time! Thank you!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) TUC's Lava Lava Island Registration

Child's name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Age: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Names of siblings attending VBS: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone number: _____

Parent(s): _____

Mobile or work phone number: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home church: _____

Mom or Dad: Are you willing to help? Yes No

What days? Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Return completed form to:

Tokyo Union Church, 5-7-7 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-0001
Or Fax to: (03) 3400-1942

**Registration fee of 3000 yen will be collected the 1ST day of VBS.
August 9 – 13, 2004**