

Tokyo Union Church
Pentecost Sunday
May 30, 2004 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

The Spirit has given new life to the church. Pentecost is a festival of new bread and new wine. It came from the Hebrew in their celebration of the spring harvest. Christians celebrate Pentecost as the descent of the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of God's promise.

PRELUDE "Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God" by J. S. Bach

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

(11:00) INTROIT

(Please Stand; ** Late Seating)*

Sanctuary Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come Holy Spirit!

People: Come Holy Spirit. Blow new life in and through us!

Pastor: Come Holy Spirit. You who lead us into all truth.

People: Come Comforter of the afflicted. Counselor of the troubled. Rescuer of the stranded.

Pastor: Come Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

People: Meet us in our weakness. Challenge us to boldness. Come Holy Spirit, come to us!

**OPENING HYMN 472

"O Sing to the Lord"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Congregation singing (Repeat until organ stops.)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 322 "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

RECOGNITION OF CHURCH STAFF - Megumi Naito, Office Manager (10 years)

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 11:1-9 (OT p. 9)

Lectors: (8:30) Peter Mathies - German (11:00) Yoshimitsu Nakao - Japanese

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:14-17 (NT p. 158)

Lectors: (8:30) Jean Pengosro - Tagalog (11:00) Alisi Kashiwamura - Tongan

THE GOSPEL READING

John 14:8-17, 25-27 (NT p. 108)

Lectors: (8:30) Jiro Hayashi - Japanese (11:00) Peilei Fan - Chinese

**GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS (Through Grade 4)

Sally Pyke

(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 129

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

THE FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21 (NT p. 119)

Lectors: (8:30) Tom Postema (11:00) Richard Foster
(verses 2-4 read together in different languages)

SERMON

"It Sure Is A Strange Language"

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Althea India Mission, India**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

(11:00) Anthem

"Amazing Grace"

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 316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Hymn 329 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"
Hymn 333 "Seek Ye First"

(11:00) BAPTISM - **Alan Christian Hostetter**, born in Tokyo, Japan on February 4, 2004

Parents: Richard & Naoko Hostetter

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Richard & Naoko, what do you ask of God's church for Alan?

I ask that he be baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ.

In the light of your covenant promise and your request, I ask you: Do you believe that the gospel guides us through life and enables us to walk in the light of Christ?

I do.

PARENTAL VOWS

Richard & Naoko, I ask you now to respond to God's graciousness to Alan by making these solemn promises:

Will you provide for your child a Christian home of love and trust? **With God's help, I will.**

Will you set before Alan the example of a Christian life, and will you pray that your child will learn the way of Christ? **With God's help, I will.**

Will you encourage your child to grow within the fellowship of the church so that Alan may come to full faith in Christ? **With God's help, I will.**

PRAYER OVER WATER

We give you thanks, O holy and gracious God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the water, and you created all that is, seen and unseen. By the gift of water you sustain all life. In the time of Noah, by your saving ark, you gave a new beginning. You led Israel through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the Promised Land. In the water of Jordan our Lord was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. By the baptism of his death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death and opened the way to eternal life. We thank you, O God, for the gift of baptism. In this water we are buried with Christ in his death. From this water we are raised to share in his resurrection, reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ACT OF BAPTISM

ACT OF ANOINTING

GIVING OF CANDLE

PRAYER OF BLESSING

CONGREGATION'S COVENANT AND WELCOME

Pastor: Alan is received into the holy catholic church. Through baptism, God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. I charge you, the people of this congregation, to nurture and to love him, and to assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

HYMN

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

1. **May the mind of Christ, my Savior, Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling All I do and say.**
2. **May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph Only thro' His pow'r.**
3. **May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.**

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 398

"There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit"

*CHARGE

We have all been given varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates them in everyone. Receive the Holy Spirit and the gifts that God has given you, and use them for the common good. Bring God's love and peace to all whom you touch. God sends you forth with the power of the Holy Spirit to continue Christ's work in the world.

*BLESSING

Go in peace. And may the Holy God surprise you on the way. Christ Jesus be your company and the Spirit light up your life. **Amen.**

*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

"Toccata" by D. H. Hegarty

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

Althea India Mission, Nilgris, India: AIM's mission involves Christian pioneer evangelism and church planting, as well as support for the poor of Nilgris in northern India. AIM also provides Christian nurture to children and youth through church activities and the Rose of Sharon Children's Home.

Today's 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 **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaori Murakami **Childcare:** (8:30) Metha Sumbung **Coffee Hosts:** The Property & Use Team **Flowers:** Donated by Elizabeth Foley, in memory of Marian P. Foley who was a wonderful mother with a great sense of humor.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY MONTHLY PROGRAM: A Celebration Lunch, **June 3**, from 11:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall, 3,000 yen, with a portion of this fee being given back to TUC charities. RSVP to WS Receptionist (3400-0942, 10 am - 2 pm) **by June 1.**

EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: **Next Sunday, June 6, 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, and 12:30 services on **June 13.** We hope that you will join us in this celebration of music!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (**Aug. 9-13**) is coming! Are you ready to have fun? Director, teachers and volunteers needed. See the leaflet on the table in the lobby.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY **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) TBA **Ushers:** (8:30) Jiro & Keiko Hayashi (11:00) TBA **Lectors:** (8:30) Jean Pengosro (11:00) Russell Gesling (**Readings:** Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31; Ps. 8; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15) **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Childcare:** (8:30) Debbie Mullins (11:00) TBA **Greeters:** TBA **Coffee Hosts:** The Administration Team **Flowers:** Mark & Sachiyu Miller

SINGERS AND MUSICIANS NEEDED to serve God during Sunday worship services at TUC. Especially needed at this time is someone who is interested in singing a hymn of the Pacific Island countries in a cappella. Email Hisashi Yukimoto <hisashiy2000@yahoo.co.jp> for more information.

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 TUC: Children's Ministry Director (new position) and Youth Ministry Director are needed. 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.](#)

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.)

May 30 (Sun)	8:30/11:00/12:30	Worship
	9:30 am	Baptism Class (Pastor Bruce's Office)
	9:45 am	Sunday School (Last Day)
	1:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	2:00 pm	Turkey Class (Library)
June 1 (Tue)	10:00 am	WS Bible Study (2F)
June 2 (Wed)	11:00 am	Children's Ministry Mtg. (2F)
	7:00 pm	TUC Bible Study (2F)
June 3 (Thu)	11:30 am	WS Monthly Program - Lunch (B1)
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)
	7:00 pm	Youth Leaders' Mtg. (Pastor Bruce's Office)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
June 5 (Sat)	all day	Young Adults' Group Outing
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)
	12:30 pm	Outreach Mtg. (Library)
	1:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Evening Praise Service

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

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