

***Tokyo Union Church***  
***Stewardship Sunday***  
***November 14, 2004 at 8:30 & 11:00 am***

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" by F. C. Woods

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

(8:30) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

*(\* Please Stand; \*\* Late Seating)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

**People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; your greatness, O God, is unsearchable.**

Pastor: You fulfill the desire of all who fear you; you hear their cries and save them.

**People: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and bless your holy name forever and ever.**

Pastor: Let us worship God!

\*\*OPENING HYMN 487

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, we confess before you our failures in carrying out your mission to humanity. We have been too preoccupied with our own concerns. We have been isolated from those who are suffering. We have felt helpless in the face of overwhelming worldwide problems. We have felt that the task belonged to others. Take away anything that hinders our usefulness, we pray, and replace our complacency with the compassion of Jesus Christ.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**The almighty God, who makes all things new, cleanses our hearts with a new experience of love, replaces our doubts with a new trust, and directs us to new opportunities for service. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING OF THE PHILIPPINE MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

<i>Roxanne Bucaria</i>	<i>Mary Foster</i>	<i>Richard Foster</i>	<i>Debbie Hayman</i>
<i>Grant Jennings</i>	<i>Junko Jennings</i>	<i>Jessie Rempel</i>	<i>Elizabeth Ogiyama</i>
<i>Esme Ogiyama</i>	<i>Hugo Ogiyama</i>	<i>Monte Walker</i>	<i>Maggie Yamasaki</i>

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25 (OT p. 696)

Lectors: (8:30) Dennis Schneider (11:00) Michael Höhn

\*\*GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Pastor Bruce Sloan

*Preschool-kindergarten ages may go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom at this time.  
Nursery care for children ages 0-2 is provided on the first floor throughout the entire service.*

HYMN 438

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-44 (NT p. 41)

SERMON

“Enough!”

Pastor Craig Hunter

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Sanyukai, Japan**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Anthem

“Cantique De Jean Racine” by G. Faure

Sanctuary Choir

(11:00) Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

\*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.*

Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

MOMENT FOR MISSION - Stewardship Emphasis

Stewardship Ministry Team

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

*In the name of the Lord, we warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers.*

\*CLOSING HYMN 302

“I Danced in the Morning”

\*BENEDICTION

To an anxious world bring hope. To a confused world bring light. To an angry world bring love.  
And may the God of hope, light, and love go with you.

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

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

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God” by S. E. Rogers

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

**Sanyukai:** Sanyukai seeks to relieve the hardships experienced by the increasing numbers of homeless people and day laborers in Tokyo by providing medical care and welfare programs. They currently offer a free clinic, soup kitchen, counseling, and a shelter for the homeless.

**Today's Communion:** (8:30) Tsuyoshi Akiyama, Paul Fukuda    **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Kaoru Shikata (11:00) Greg Albrecht  
**Ushers:** (8:30) Postema family (11:00) Walker family    **Nursery:** (11:00) Tamako Bunting    **Childcare:** (8:30) M. May (11:00) Flavio & Sandra Ohno    **Flowers:** Dima Kato, to the glory of God and Jesus Christ, our Savior.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY AT TUC - at 12:15 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. The Philippine Mission Trip Team will be hosting a lunch to help raise awareness of their upcoming mission trip and to raise funds for those they find in need during their travels across the Philippines. TUC Stewardship Ministry Team will be co-sponsoring the occasion and give highlights of this year's stewardship initiative. Come! Eat! Give! Be a part!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for all ages every Sunday at 9:45 am.** A new class for adults started last Sunday, "**Japanese Religions**" led by Richard Gardner, meeting in the Balcony, which will explore the range of religious traditions existing in Japan, the nature of Japanese religiosity, and the ways in which Christianity has developed in Japan.

KOINONIA NEWSLETTER (Dec./Jan. issue) Deadline: **Nov. 15.** Sunday Bulletin Deadline: **Every Tuesday.**

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY**    **Communion:** (8:30) John Visher, Hitomi Yokote    **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Kaoru Shikata (11:00) Nobuko Gaine    **Ushers:** (8:30) Hibbard family (11:00) Naomi Hagiwara    **Lectors:** (8:30) Scott Carroll (11:00) Peilei Fan  
**(Readings:** Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43)    **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano    **Childcare:** (8:30) TBA (11:00) Kyung Sohn    **Greeters:** (11:00) TBA    **Coffee Hosts:** Bill & Deb Hibbard    **Flowers:** Aya Uda (arrangement), TBA (donation)

THE CHURCH COUNCIL is without a clerk, and we need one! If you feel that administrative work is one of your talents and would be interested in finding out more about the position, please speak to one of the nominating elders.

PART-TIME POSITION AT TUC - Children's Ministry Director: Do you love children and have a heart for the gospel? 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. 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 Mary Foster at [tucprayer@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tucprayer@yahoo.com.au) with your prayer requests.

“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.

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.

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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.)*

Nov. 14 (Sun)		Clothes Drive (Last Day)
	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship - Stewardship Sunday
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Adult Baptism Class (Pastor Bruce's Office)
	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Fellowship Lunch (B1)</b>
	12:30 pm	Celebration Worship
	3:00 pm	Alpha Course
Nov. 15 (Mon)		<b>KOINONIA Deadline</b>
	5:15 am	Clothes Drive Delivery (Shibuya 109)
	7:00 pm	Preschool Board Mtg.
Nov. 16 (Tue)	10:00 am	WS Bible Study (2F)
	7:00 pm	Personnel Mtg.
Nov. 17 (Wed)	7:00 pm	Basic Theology Class (2F)
Nov. 18 (Thu)	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Nov. 19 (Fri)		Philippine Mission Trip (~ 11/28)
	10:00 am	Daytime Alpha Course (Pastor Bruce's Office)
Nov. 21(Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship - <b>Dedication Sunday</b>
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	12:30 pm	Celebration Worship
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>New Members' Class (2F)</b>
	1:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Council Mtg.</b>
	3:00 pm	Alpha Course

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# Steps for Effective Stewardship Dedication

- Step 1:** Come and join today's Philippine Mission Tour Support and Stewardship Joint Fellowship Luncheon. Contributing Yen 1,000/person to support the upcoming TUC Mission Trip to the Philippines is one meaningful way to exercise your stewardship.
- Step 2:** Please open the Stewardship packet, and first read the Booklet titled Ministries and Activities, 2005. This is the overview of a variety of ministries that TUC engages in as an instrument of God. We encourage you to get involved or increase your involvement by matching your time and talent with the opportunities to serve the Lord that TUC provides.
- Step 3:** Then read the other Booklet. This booklet contains Pastor's letter to all of us emphasizing the importance of giving as an expression of our faith and the essentiality of pledging. The booklet also shows how TUC practices stewardship as a church body. There is a section to help you plan your financial commitment to the Lord through pledges.
- Step 4:** Unfold the Pledge 2005 on gold-colored paper, and complete both the "Time & Talent Pledge" and "Financial Pledge" sections, and record your commitments elsewhere for your records.
- Step 5:** Sign up today for 15 minutes of your time to join many members and friends in a full-day chain of Stewardship prayers on Thursday, November 18. We suggest that you pray for both your own self and for TUC as your church community, so that we, as good stewards, take good care of the gifts given through the grace of the Lord and return their portions for the glory of the Lord. Mark your name on the sign-up board for the time slot(s) convenient to you, mark the time slot(s) chosen on the slip of paper provided and take it with you as reminder.
- Step 6:** On Dedication Sunday, November 21, offer the completed Pledge Form on the collection tray. Otherwise, at your earliest convenience, place it in the blue Stewardship Box in the church lobby, or return it to the Church Office in a sealed envelope marked "Pledge Form Inside". Pledge forms will be gratefully accepted throughout the year.

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- Note 2)** Are you concerned about a possibility of leaving Tokyo during the coming year, thus not being able to complete the pledged offering? Do not worry. Process of self-renewal for unity and oneness is the source of dynamism of TUC, our church, picking up where the people before us left. Others who come after you will succeed your commitment.

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