

***Tokyo Union Church***  
***October 17, 2004 at 8:30 & 11:00 am***

PRELUDE "Fugue in D minor" by J. Pachelbel

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

(8:30) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

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

Liturgist: Russell Gesling

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 119*)

Leader: Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

**People: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.**

Leader: I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

**People: I understand more than the aged. How sweet are your words to my taste.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*\*OPENING HYMN 455 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*first in silence, then in unison*)

**O God, our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have failed in our ministry to others. We listen for teachings to our own liking. We yearn for doctrines that boost our egos. We follow those who flatter us. We seek comfort and not challenge from our confessions of faith. Renew a right spirit within us, O God, and train us in righteousness as you forgive our sin.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

"Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord . . . who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace . . . given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began." By that grace we are saved, as through Christ we are forgiven.

\*\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8 (NT p. 81)

Lectors: (8:30) Terri Bostock (11:00) Paul Robotham

\*\*GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Russell Gesling

*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 440

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NT p. 192)

SERMON

“The Gravity of Grace”

Pastor Craig Hunter

THE APOSTLES' CREED - **Ecumenical** (Hymnal p. 14)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Peace Center for the Blind, Israel**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Anthem

“Cantate Domino” by G. O. Pitoni

Sanctuary Choir

(11:00) Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings - “We Are An Offering”

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to You; We are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives, they are Yours; We are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, All that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to You; We are an offering,**

**We are an offering.**

(8:30) HOLY COMMUNION - *Please turn to Hymnal p. 13.*

Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

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 289

“O God of Every Nation”

\*BENEDICTION

May the hand of God protect you, the power of God strengthen you, and the wisdom of God instruct you, this day and all your days on earth. 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 in C minor” by J. Pachelbel

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**Peace Center for the Blind, Israel:** This center in Jerusalem offers the opportunity for young Palestinian women who are visually impaired to finish their basic education and to learn fundamental vocational and domestic skills.

Pastor Bruce is leading the worship at TUC Congregational Retreat in Karuizawa today.

**Today's Sunday Communion:** (8:30) Russell Gesling, Premoj Thomas **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Jessie Rempel (11:00) Kaoru Shikata  
**Ushers:** (8:30) Hibbard family (11:00) Naomi Hagiwara, Walker family **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Childcare:** (8:30) Kang-Su & Lynnette Lee (11:00) Elizabeth Ogiyama **Greeters:** (11:00) Kevin Mueller **Coffee Host:** Jean Pengosro **Flowers:** Jean Pengosro, in memory of her parents' 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Oct. 19.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Friday, **Oct. 22**, 7:00 pm in Sanctuary. Come enjoy a meal and the showing of the Academy Award-winning movie "Chariots of Fire"! The movie will be followed by a discussion of the film and its portrayal of Christian themes.

**ANNUAL CRAFT BOUTIQUE:** Saturday, **Oct. 23**, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. . This is the Women's Society fall fundraiser. Please come out and help support the women's ministry of TUC. There will be a raffle, homemade baked goods and over 25 vendors.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES** for adults begin on **Oct. 24**, at 9:45 am, in Pastor Bruce's office. Please contact the pastors if you would like to join the class.

**THE NEW MEMBERS' CLASS:** **Next Sunday, Oct. 24**, at 12:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Classroom. All persons interested in membership at TUC are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Membership elder, Alan Sorba (070-5089-4862) or the church office.

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE** begins **Nov. 7, at 12:30 pm**. Please check with Contemporary Worship Team.

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY Communion:** (8:30) Scott Carroll, Jean Pengosro **Altar Guild:** TBA **Ushers:** (8:30) Gesling family (11:00) Odate family **Lectors:** (8:30) Russell Gesling (11:00) John Visher (**Readings:** Joel 2:23-32; Ps. 65; 2 Tim. 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14) **Nursery:** (11:00) Toshiko Carroll **Childcare:** (8:30) TBA (11:00) Jolanda Blomjous **Greeters:** (11:00) TBA **Coffee Host:** The Evangelism Ministry Team **Flowers:** Michiyo Uchida

**THE CHURCH COUNCIL** is in 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? 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. Please speak with Pastor Craig for details.

**THE TUC PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN** is looking for a committed Christian **Director** with relevant experience for its Early Childhood Education program. Candidates should be native English speakers with relevant Early Childhood Education qualifications, a Masters Degree or higher, and previous administrative experience is highly desirable. If you are interested, resumes can be left at the church office, faxed to the church office on 3400-1942 or e-mailed to the church office at [tuc@gol.com](mailto:tuc@gol.com) (**no later than the end of October**). The start date for this position is negotiable. We would encourage you to tell anyone who is suitably qualified about the available vacancy. If anyone requires further information they can contact Maggie Yamasaki, Preschool Elder (phone: 3449-8806).

**WORSHIP CHILDCARE PARENTS:** Please look for the sign-up sheet on the door of the Worship Child Care room and add your name as a volunteer, 1 helper for 8:30 service and 2 for 11:00 service.

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.

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.

THE TUC WOMEN'S SOCIETY is in dire need of an updated computer system in order to maintain our membership database and to communicate with our members. Funds allocated to purchase an updated system were unfortunately part of the unrecovered loss from last spring's office theft. Functions performed on this system include desk-top publishing and require IBM compatibility and P4 or P4M 1.8GHz or more, 1G RAM, 60Gb HD, DVD-RW, XGA video, 17" LCD screen, Microsoft Office Professional, Microsoft Money, and Microsoft XP. Should you or your company find this a donation opportunity, please contact Chris Losier, TUCWS Vice President, at [Losier@aol.com](mailto:Losier@aol.com).

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.)

Oct. 17 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship	<b>Pastor</b> Bruce Sloan ( <a href="mailto:pastor@gol.com">pastor@gol.com</a> )
	9:45 am	Sunday School	<b>Associate Pastor</b> Craig Hunter ( <a href="mailto:astpastr@gol.com">astpastr@gol.com</a> )
	3:00 pm	Sunday Alpha Course (Sanctuary)	<b>Sanctuary Choir Director</b> Takamichi Shiozawa
Oct. 19 (Tue)	10:00 am	WS Bible Study (2F)	<b>Organist</b> Miwako Horii
	7:00 pm	Personnel Mtg.	<b>Student Intern</b> Sang Valte
Oct. 20 (Wed)	7:00 pm	Basic Theology Class (2F)	<b>Office Manager</b> Megumi Naito
	7:00 pm	Stewardship Mtg. (Pastor Bruce's Office)	<b>Receptionist/Secretary</b> Miri Shinoda
Oct. 21 (Thu)	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)	<b>Financial/Accounting Manager</b> Masanori Hara
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)	<b>Facilities Manager</b> Kazunori Higuchi
Oct. 22 (Fri)	10:00 am	Daytime Alpha Course (TUC Sanctuary)	<b>Preschool Director</b> Pat Haines
	6:30 pm	Choir Retreat (~ 10/24)	<b>President of the Congregation</b> Bill Hibbard
	7:00 pm	Movie Night (Sanctuary)	<b>Women's Society President</b> Deb Hibbard
Oct. 23 (Sat)	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>WS Annual Christmas Craft Boutique</b>	<b>Women's Society Reception</b> Tel: (03) 3400-0942
	6:00 pm	Youth Activity	<b>Preschool Office</b> Tel/Fax: (03) 3400-1579 <a href="mailto:admin@tucpreschool-kindergarten.com">admin@tucpreschool-kindergarten.com</a>
Oct. 24 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship	
	9:45 am	Sunday School	
	12:30 pm	Adult Baptism Class	
	12:30 pm	Contemporary Worship Team Mtg. (Sanctuary)	
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>New Members' Class (2F)</b>	
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Council Mtg.</b>	
	3:00 pm	Sunday Alpha Course (Sanctuary)	
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## **“THAT WE MAY LIVE TOGETHER”**

**Experience One of TUC’S Major Outreach Ministries  
With the Visitors from ASIAN RURAL INSTITUTE (ARI)**

**Interested** in deepening your understanding of how TUC’s mission support is working for rural communities in some 50 countries, and learning how the process works? Then, you are encouraged to set the weekend of October 30th aside for this enriching experience.

**“That We May Live Together”** has been the motto of the **Asian Rural Institute (ARI)** since its inception 31 years ago. ARI is a training center, based on the Christian faith, for young leaders from communities in developing countries. Located in Nasu, Tochigi Prefecture, ARI annually trains 25 to 35 participants from Asia, Africa and other developing nations through its 8-month program, covering community leadership skills, agricultural techniques, home industry know-how, and, above all, the spirit of sharing.

ARI has brought about 1,100 grass-root leaders for training to live with and lead others in the spirit of **“That We May Live Together”**. Every year in April, about 30 community leaders, women and men, from an agricultural extension station in a remote village in Tanzania, from a church in India, a community center in Myanmar and the like meet each other for the first time in their life at ARI, located in Nasu, Tochigi Prefecture. Some of them are Japanese youths, who are committing their future to helping those communities develop. Every year at ARI those young rural community representatives instantaneously form a new community, in which they live for 8 months to share their life experiences and learn skills, technology and, above all, the spirit of sharing **“That We May Live Together”**.

TUC helped ARI get started and has been its mission partners for the past 31 years. ARI invites TUC members to its Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration (Saturday, October 9th and Sunday, October 10th, this year), and the TUC invites the ARI participants in the fall (Saturday, October 30th and Sunday, October 31st, this year) to an overnight stay at members’ homes and to our Sunday morning worship services.

**Interested** in getting to know closely some of those grass-roots rural community leaders currently in training at ARI and learn how they are trying to share **“That We May Live Together”**? **Then, open your home** to the visitors overnight **October 30th** attend either **worship service October 31st** and **attend the Fellowship Lunch** with the visitors that Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Over that weekend TUC will receive 29 Participants from ARI for an annual overnight visit. The group will arrive at TUC at about 12:30 p.m., Saturday, October 30h. The visitors will be shown around downtown Tokyo in a few groups in the afternoon by some volunteer TUC members, be the dinner and overnight guests at the volunteer TUC member/friend homes that evening and conduct the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. TUC worship services Sunday. Those hosts who would like to share with other hosts the first moments of interactions with the guests are welcome to join a group supper Saturday evening in the TUC Fellowship Hall. In lieu of the regular Fellowship Coffee Hour, we will hold a fellowship luncheon with the ARI visitors on October 31st, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Some visitors will share their life experiences and visions with us and respond to our questions. The group will leave Tokyo at about 2:00 p.m.

Open up your home for an overnight stay for those visitors. Dinner and quiet moments of fellowship with those young community leaders from rural areas of developing nations will enrich your view of the world around us today and deepen the appreciation for the grace of the Lord. Let us share **“That We May Live Together”**.

Please contact Paul Fukuda, a TUC liaison with ARI in support of TUC Outreach Ministry, on this annual event (03-5229-6830 –office- and 03-3314-5192 –home- / E-mail: kiska@inter.net) for questions and offers to get involved. **TUC Outreach Ministry Team**

**“Each one of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”**

2 Corinthians 9:7