

Tokyo Union Church
World Communion Sunday
October 3, 2004 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

"Communion" by W. L. Webber

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: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercy never comes to an end.

People: They are new every morning: Great is your faithfulness.

Pastor: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul. Therefore all my hope is in God.

People: Praise the Lord! For God's steadfast love endures forever.

**OPENING HYMN 276

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, we pray, for any words, thoughts and actions that are unworthy of our avowed commitment as followers of Jesus Christ. Pardon us, we pray, for any failures of self-control, for any words spoken in harsh haste, for any good things received with boasting, for good intentions never fulfilled. Cleanse us and strengthen us, we ask, so we can more adequately represent your presence in our lives.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Be encouraged by this: that we are accepted by God, not because of the good things we have done, but because of God's unfailing mercy and grace.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

MOMENT FOR MISSION - The Althea India Mission

George & Laly Samkutty

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:5-10 (NT p. 80)

Lectors: (8:30) Woo Chull Chung (11:00) Raymond Naseef

**GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Pastor Craig Hunter

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 321

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Lamentations 3:19-26 (OT p. 766)

SERMON

"This I Remember"

Pastor Bruce Sloan

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

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) Music "If You Are by Me, I Will Go in Peace with Joy" by J. S. Bach

Michiko Sunamura, solo

(11:00) Anthem "All You that Know God's Holy Name" by G. F. Handel

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!

HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING IN CHORAL FORM

All: From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise--Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung; Through every land by every tongue--Alleluia!

Pastor: The night that Jesus was betrayed, He blessed and broke the loaf and said,

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: "This is my body here for you, My gift that frees and makes you new."

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: Then Jesus also took the cup, After those gathered had all supped.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: "This is my lifeblood shed for you, The measure of my love for you."

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: "Do this," He said, "till time shall end, In mem'ry of your living Friend."

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: "Meet at my table and record, The love of your triumphant Lord."

People: Alleluia!

All: Jesus, your feast we celebrate. We eat the food you consecrate. Alleluia! Alleluia! We glimpse that glad eternal feast, To which you welcome great and least. Alleluia! O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to you let earth accord. Alleluia! Alleluia! You are, while endless ages run, With Creator, and with Spirit one. Alleluia!

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

(All Christians are invited to receive communion. Children's participation in communion is dependent upon their understanding of the sacrament and the decision of their parents. All persons who do not receive communion are still very welcome to come forward for a special blessing. Please indicate to the server that you would like a "blessing" by crossing your arms in front of you in an "X shape." Families may choose to stand together as they receive communion.)

(聖餐式はクリスチャンのための式典です。クリスチャンでない方はご自分の席でお待ちになるか、または参列してサーバーの前で腕をXに組み祝福の言葉を受けて下さい。)

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

"Take the Name of Jesus with You" (See next page)

*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

"Festal March" by W. L. Webber

The Church Council of Elders calls a **Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 10, 2004**, for the receiving of a report and motion from the Property & Use Ministry Team to rebuild the church manse. The meeting will be held **at 12:30 in the church sanctuary.**

Althea India Mission, Nilgris, India: Althea India Mission ("AIM") was envisioned by Rev. George Samkutty who was witness to Jesus Christ among the poor in India. Rev. George Thomas took on the work of establishing a center as well as supporting the community and the poor in Nilgris, the northern part of India. AIM supports the development of families, children and youth through its outreach ministry.

“Take the Name of Jesus with You”

Pastor Bruce will be away from the office for vacation from Oct. 4 to Oct. 12.

Today's Communion: (8:30) John Mullins, Maggie Yamasaki (11:00) Tsuyoshi Akiyama, Paul Fukuda, John Visher, Hitomi Yokote **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Joy Albrecht (11:00) Masako Yumiba **Ushers:** (8:30) Postema family (11:00) Paul Fukuda, Hiroshi Matsuno **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Greeters:** (11:00) Kozue & Steven Cannon **Coffee Hosts:** The Outreach Ministry Team **Flowers:** Chika Eto, donated by Jody Fuller, for the Spirit of Outreach at TUC: helping others here in Japan and around the world.

KOINONIA & OPEN CIRCLE newsletters are ready! Please pick them up in the lobby **today**, so that we can save the postage.

EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: **Today, at 4:00 pm**, with Holy Communion. Speaker: Pastor Bruce Sloan. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S SOCIETY MONTHLY PROGRAM: “Country Music Performer - Rattlesnake Annie!,” **Thursday, Oct. 7**, at 10:15 am, in the Sanctuary. Coffee starts at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact WS Receptionist (3400-0942, 10 am - 2 pm on weekdays).

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: Saturday, **Oct. 9**, 8:30-10:00am, at Andersen's Restaurant near the church. RSVP to Brock McMunn (Tel/Fax: 03-3582-7463) or the church office **by Tuesday, Oct. 5**, for the breakfast.

TUC CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT: **Oct. 15-17** at Megumi Chalet. This is a wonderful getaway weekend at the famous mountain resort of Karuizawa. It is an opportunity for the TUC congregation to meet and become familiar with other members of TUC. Registration form is available on the table in the lobby. For more information, please contact Suresh Kukde, (3752-6919, 090-3345-1898).

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.

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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY **Communion:** (8:30) Brock McMunn, David Stuchbury **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Haruyo Inoue (11:00) Kaoru Shikata **Ushers:** (8:30) Jiro & Keiko Hayashi (11:00) Peilei Fan & Raymond Naseef, Ken Inkster, Kazuko Oshima **Lectors:** (8:30) Tom Postema (11:00) Todd McHenry **Readings:** Jer. 29:1, 4-7; Ps. 66:1-12; 2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19) **Nursery:** (11:00) Isaku Murakami **Childcare:** (11:00) TBA **Greeters:** (11:00) Roxanne Bucaria, Mieko Okuyama **Coffee Hosts:** Kyung Eun, Do Sohn
Flowers: Chika Eto (arrangement), Yuriko Hirayama (donation)

THE FALL 2004 SPECIAL OFFERING presents us all with a special opportunity to help children. World Villages for Children is a mission that provides food, clothing, medical care and education to the poorest and most at risk children in the Philippines, Korea, Mexico, Guatemala, and Brazil. Please prayerfully consider how you can lend a "helping hand" to these children.

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 (**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.

NEEDED FOR RICE PROJECT: Two persons to help lead the onigiri (rice ball) production on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please contact Jody Fuller (042-365-1377), Ikuko Omori (5494-7217) or the church office (3400-0047).

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 with your prayer requests.

THE PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN are looking for **two part time teachers**; 1 head teacher and 1 assistant for their new Nursery class, 10 hours per week. For further information please contact Director Pat Haines (3400-1579, admin@tucpreschool-kindergarten.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. 3 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:40 am	Contemporary Worship Team Mtg. (Pastor's office)
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	1:00 pm	Open Outreach Mtg. (Library)
	3:00 pm	Sunday Alpha Course (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Evening Praise Service
Oct. 5 (Tue)	10:00 am	WS Bible Study (2F)
Oct. 6 (Wed)	7:00 pm	Basic Theology Class (2F)
Oct. 7 (Thu)	9:30 am	WS Monthly Program/Coffee (B1, Sanctuary)
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Oct. 8 (Fri)	10:00 am	Daytime Alpha Course (Albrecht's)
Oct. 9 (Sat)	8:30 am	Men's Ministry Breakfast (Andersen's)
	2:00 pm	Theology Reading Group (2F)
	2:00 pm	Homeless Dinner (B1)
	6:00 pm	Youth Activity
Oct. 10 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	12:30 pm	Special Congregational Mtg. (Sanctuary)
	3:00 pm	Sunday Alpha Course (Sanctuary)

<Next New Members' Class: Oct. 24 at 12:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Classroom>

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