

***Tokyo Union Church***  
***September 19, 2004 at 8:30 & 11:00 am***

PRELUDE "Rejoice, Ye Christians All" by G. Raphael

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

(8:30) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 91:1-2)*

Pastor: We come into the presence the Most High, we abide in the shadow of the Almighty, we say to the LORD,

**People: "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**

\*\*OPENING HYMN 260

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge,  
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed:  
We have not loved you with our whole heart,  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves;  
We repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. *(Romans 5:8)*  
Hear then Christ's word of grace: Your sins are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 280 "Amazing Grace" (verse 4)

**The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**

\*\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

(11:00) MOMENT FOR MISSION - Rie Manabe

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 8:18-22 (OT p. 709)

Lectors: (8:30) Sue Yokoyama (11:00) Marjorie Robotham

*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 394 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING I Timothy 2:1-7 (NT p. 208)

SERMON "The Desire of God" Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **KRUPA, India**)  
The Lord's Prayer – **Ecumenical** (Hymnal p. 16)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Anthem "Bright Canaan" Sanctuary Choir  
(11:00) Music "Panis Angelicus" by C. Frank Michiko Sunamura, solo

\*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.*

During Communion Hymn 514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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 276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

\*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 "In Thee, Lord Have I Hoped" by G. Raphael

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**KRUPA, India:** KRUPA is a Christian ministry which provides integrated community development for socially marginalized groups including leprosy colonies, gypsy communities, and prisons. They provide educational, physical and spiritual nurture as well as housing, civic amenities and self-empowerment schemes for these poverty-stricken communities.

Pastor Craig is on vacation and will be back in the office on Sep. 24.

**Today's Communion:** (8:30) Jean Pengosro, Alan Sorba, Premoj Thomas   **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Premoj Thomas (11:00) Joy Albrecht  
**Ushers:** (8:30) Hibbard family (11:00) Elizabeth Foley, Jody Fuller   **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano   **Greeters:** (11:00) Kevin Takeuchi, Hisashi Yukimoto   **Coffee Host:** Roxanne Bucaria   **Flowers:** Aya Uda, donated by Tomoko & Takuya Furusawa, to the glory of God.

**THE NEW MEMBERS' CLASS:** **Today** 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.

ALPHA COURSES provide an opportunity to explore the meaning of life! For info on Alpha see <http://www.alphajapan.jp>. For registration online go to <http://www.tokyounion.org>. **Daytime Alpha** will start **from 10 am on Friday, Sep. 24**, at the home of Joy Albrecht (3453-8664, [albrecht@gol.com](mailto:albrecht@gol.com)) and will be led by Akiko Adachi (042-799-0649, [a-adachi@dk.catv.ne.jp](mailto:a-adachi@dk.catv.ne.jp)). **Sunday Alpha** will start **from 3 pm today**, at Tokyo Union Church. For information contact Daryl Bockett (080-3152-1436, [thebongs@aa.bb-east.ne.jp](mailto:thebongs@aa.bb-east.ne.jp)), John Visher (046-273-1212, 090-6318-5112, [visherjc@hpo.net](mailto:visherjc@hpo.net)), or Etsuko Nakajima (090-5549-7991, [etsuky@wf7.so-net.ne.jp](mailto:etsuky@wf7.so-net.ne.jp)).

PHILIPPINE MISSION TRIP: Have you heard about the mission trip TUC is having? Would you like to know more about it? Come to the informational meeting on **Sunday, Sep. 26**, at 12:45 pm in the library and hear about where we are going and what we will be doing.

EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: **Sunday, Oct. 3, at 4:00 pm**, with Holy Communion. Speaker: Pastor Bruce Sloan. All are welcome!

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY**   **Communion:** (8:30) Jody Fuller, Russell Gesling, Bill Hibbard   **Altar Guild:** (8:30) T. Mukasa (11:00) Elizabeth Foley, Nobuko Gaine   **Ushers:** (8:30) TBA (11:00) Brock McMunn   **Lectors:** (8:30) Jean Pengosro (11:00) Andy Hayashi  
**(Readings:** Jer. 32:1-3a, 6-15; Ps. 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31)   **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaori Murakami   **Childcare:** (11:00) TBA   **Greeters:** (11:00) Erik & Jolanda Blomjous   **Coffee Host:** Elizabeth Foley   **Flowers:** Elmie Baron

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.

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.

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), Nominating Team elder.

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 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.

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Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB, will speak at TUC on **Sep. 24**, 5:00 - 6:45 pm. Joan D. Chittister, a Benedictine Sister of Erie, USA, is a best-selling author and well-known national and international lecturer. She is a writer for a column in the National Catholic Reporter and is also one of the founders of the Women's Ordination Movement in the Catholic Church. Sister Joan has been recognized by universities and national organizations for her work for justice, peace, and equality for women in Church and society.

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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.)*

Sep. 19 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	<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)
Sep. 20 (Mon)		Church Office Closed (National Holiday)
Sep. 23 (Thu)		Church Office Closed (National Holiday)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Sep. 24 (Fri)	10:00 am	Daytime Alpha Course (Albrecht's)
Sep. 25 (Sat)	10:30 am	Movie & Discussion and Lunch (B1, 2F)
	6:00 pm	Youth Gathering
Sep. 26 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	12:45 pm	Philippine Trip Informational Mtg. (Library)
	2:00 pm	Theology Reading Group
	3:00 pm	Sunday Alpha Course (Sanctuary)

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

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