

Tokyo Union Church
September 26, 2004 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

"Prelude" by L. Vierne

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

(11:00) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

(* Please Stand; ** Late Seating)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 91*)

Pastor: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord.

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

Pastor: Under God's wings we will find refuge, For God is our shield and our buckler.

People: To God alone be all glory and honor, Forever and ever. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN 464

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We ask for forgiveness, not only for those things we have done wrong, but also for those things we have not done at all:

for opportunities we have not seized;

for talents we have not used;

for love we have not expressed;

for promises we have not kept;

for encouragements we have not given;

for evils we have not challenged;

for wrongs we have not made right.

Cleanse us, we pray, and enable us by your Holy Spirit to be positive and joyful witnesses to the transforming power of Christ.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*Isaiah 56:1*)

Thus says the Lord: "Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed."

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

MOMENT FOR MISSION - TUC Women's Society

Deb Hibbard, WS President

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (NT p. 210)

Lectors: (8:30) Jean Pengosro (11:00) Andy Hayashi

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 212

“Within Your Shelter, Loving God”

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31 (NT p. 79)

SERMON

“What Would Convince You?”

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy, Russia**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Meditative Music

Junko Sasaki, organ

(11:00) Anthem

“As the Deer” by M. Nystrom

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.*

(11:00) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION & QUESTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor: Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you depend upon Him for salvation as it is offered in the gospel?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise that, relying on the help of the Holy Spirit, you will endeavor to live as a follower of Christ?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Will you continue to grow as a Christian and seek to know and do the will of God as taught in the Bible?

New Members: I will.

Pastor: Will you be loyal to the church of Christ, wherever you are, and will you support this church by your prayers, presence, gifts, and service?

New Members: I will.

COVENANT OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Do you, the members of this congregation, welcome these disciples who have witnessed to their faith in Jesus Christ, and promise by your fellowship to strengthen their ties with the household of God?

Congregation: We do. With joy and thanksgiving we renew our covenant with God and with each other, as we welcome you into this Christian fellowship. With you we dedicate our lives and our church to the work of the Kingdom of God.

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 536

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

***BENEDICTION (1 Timothy 6:11-12)**

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of eternal life, to which you were called.

***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 "He Who Lets Only Beloved God Rule" by J. S. Bach

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**.

Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy, Russia: Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy (MPC) is an interdenominational congregation in the heart of Russia's capital city. A significant ministry of the congregation is a soup kitchen which provides food and the love of Christ to the poor, elderly and foreigners who reside in Moscow.

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

Today's Communion: (8:30) Jody Fuller, Russell Gesling, Bill Hibbard **Altar Guild:** (8:30) T. Mukasa (11:00) Elizabeth Foley, Nobuko Gaine **Ushers:** (8:30) Gesling family (11:00) Brock McMunn **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaori Murakami **Greeters:** (11:00) Erik & Jolanda Blomjous **Coffee Host:** Elizabeth Foley **Flowers:** Elmie Baron, with thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Hans Rhodener for sponsoring her for 12 years and for helping her to get another 3-year visa.

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 **today, at 12:45 pm** in the library and hear about where we are going and what we will be doing.

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 - from 10 am on Friday**, at the home of Joy Albrecht (3453-8664, albrecht@gol.com), led by Akiko Adachi (042-799-0649, a-adachi@dk.catv.ne.jp). **Sunday Alpha - from 3 pm on Sunday**, at Tokyo Union Church. For information contact Daryl Bockett (080-3152-1436, thebongs@aa.bb-east.ne.jp), John Visher (046-273-1212, 090-6318-5112, visherjc@hpo.net), or Etsuko Nakajima (090-5549-7991, etsuky@wf7.so-net.ne.jp).

EVENING PRAISE SERVICE: Next Sunday, Oct. 3, 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. 6**, 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).

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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY **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) TBA **Lectors:** (8:30) Jean Pengosro (11:00) Raymond Naseef (**Readings:** Lam. 1:1-6; Lam. 3:19-26 or Ps. 137; 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10) **Nursery:** (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Childcare:** (11:00) TBA **Greeters:** (11:00) Kazue & Steven Cannon **Coffee Host:** The Outreach Ministry Team **Flowers:** Chika Eto (arrangement), Jody Fuller (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.

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 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. In addition 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).

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.

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. 26 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	12:45 pm	Philippine Trip Informational Mtg. (Library)
	1:15 pm	Stewardship Mtg. (B1 WS office)
	2:00 pm	Theology Reading Group
	3:00 pm	Sunday Alpha Course (Sanctuary)
Sep. 28 (Tue)	10:00 am	WS Bible Study (2F)
Sep. 29 (Wed)	7:00 pm	Basic Theology Class (2F)
Sep. 30 (Thu)	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Oct. 1 (Fri)	10:00 am	Daytime Alpha Course (Albrecht's)
	1:00 pm	Altar Guild (2F)
Oct. 3 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship - World Communion Sunday
	9:40 am	Contemporary Worship Team Mtg. (Pastor's office)
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	12:30 pm	Open Outreach Mtg. (Library)
	3:00 pm	Sunday Alpha Course (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Evening Praise Service

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

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