



Tokyo Union Church

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Prelude

"Beautiful Saviour" by D. Wood

Miwako Horii

Word of Welcome

Pastor Héctor Herrera

COME TO THE LORD

Call to Worship

Byron Walker

Leader: People of God, come to the waters of Baptism to meet the Good Shepherd.

People: For in Christ Jesus we are all children of God through faith.

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: There is no longer Jew or Greek; no longer slave or free; no longer male and female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

Leader: And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

All: We come to the waters of Baptism, to taste and see that the Lord is Good.

Opening Hymn

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

803

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Steve Yamaguchi

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our failure to live into
what you created us to be.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,**

for the sake of Jesus Christ our savior.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

[continue in silent prayer] **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor Steve Yamaguchi

Leader: The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Response

Doxology with Alleluias

(See Projection)

Passing of the Peace

Pastor Héctor Herrera

LISTEN TO THE LORD

(11:00) Good News for Kids			Byron Walker
(11:00) The Sacrament of Baptism	Masamune Frank Hansen,	Camille Yuki Sauce	
Song of Preparation	"Spirit of the Living God"		288
First Scripture Passage	Psalm 23:1-6		OT p. 474
	(8:30) Andy Chen	(11:00) Esther Cheung	
Second Scripture Passage	John 10:11-18		NT p. 97
Sermon	"The Good Shepherd"		Byron Walker

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

(8:30) The Sacrament of Baptism			Sophia Naomi Dekker
Offering Our Whole Selves to God			
	(11:00) "The Lord is My Shepherd" by H. Goodall		Sanctuary Choir
Hymn of Response	"Give Thanks"		647
Prayer of Dedication			Pastor Héctor Herrera
(11:00) Installation of Elders			
Prayers of the People			Pastor Héctor Herrera
The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)			

(Please pray in your own native language or a language of your heart)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

LEAVE WITH THE LORD'S BLESSING

Closing Hymn	"I've Got Peace Like a River"		623
Benediction			Byron Walker
Congregational Response	"Amen, Amen, A—men"		
Postlude	"Allegro in F Major" by J. G. Walther		

Announcements

A warm welcome to our new and first time visitors! We send out a weekly Email Blast that has important information and updates about church news. Please send your email address to office@tokyounion.org so we can keep you informed. **Please Join Coffee Hour** for conversation and refreshments downstairs in the B1 Fellowship Hall after the service today!

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

Thank you for your faithful giving. Please continue to give your financial gifts at www.tokyounion.org/give. This delivers your offering to the church even when you worship online and are away from TUC on Omotesando for a while.

Worship Volunteers Today: Greeters: (8:30) Devon Arthurson (11:00) Ron Reid, Nobuko Sato; Ushers: (8:30) Mike & Atsuko Tsunashima, Maki Yamamoto (11:00) Sam Donkor, Jody Fuller, Darey-Ann Louisville; AV Operators: (8:30) Risa Kikura (11:30) Joey Chang, Remi Yamazaki; Flowers - arranged by Yasuko Ito.

The Praying and Reading the Psalms Group will soon be taking up the Gospel of Mark. This is not Bible study in the conventional sense. We will, rather, be following an adapted version of St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises to guide us in our reading and prayer. The process, simply put, involves imaginatively engaging with the text through what is termed "an application of the senses." For more information, contact Richard Gardner. (r-gardne@sophia.ac.jp)

Sermon Lab on Tuesday at 6:30 pm (Zoom). The lessons next week: 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

The next Festive Friday (for the little ones & parents with Kindermusik) is April 26th from 10:30 am (2F).

"Answers to Hard Questions" Class on Sunday, April 28th from 9:45-10:30 am in the 2F classroom. All are welcome! (Leaders: Hiro Umezu, Brad Schmidt)

Outreach - Easter 2024 Donations Update: Thank you for your Easter 2024 donations. We received 179,638 yen for the Deeper Service Ministry (DSG) and 179,638 yen for Doctors Without Borders.

Finance Update 2024

In ¥ millions	Mar-24			Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	vs. Budget	
Income	12.4	20.2	-7.8	70.0
Expenses	18.6	19.6	1.0	75.8
Net Result	-6.2	0.6	-6.8	-5.8

To balance the annual budget, ¥5.8m in additional income, or less expenses, or a mix of both is needed by December 31. Let's continue to thank God for the resources He has entrusted to us and pray for the wisdom to steward them responsibly for His glory.

This Week at TUC

Apr 21 (Sun)	8:30 am Worship (in-person) 11:00 am Worship (In-person/Livestream) Children's Sunday School 9:00 am SC Small Group Rehearsal (B1) 9:40 am SC Rehearsal (S & 3F) 9:45 am UPT Individual Sessions (2F) 10:00 am Confirmation Class (4F Youth Rm) 12:15 pm Coffee Hour (B1)/Onigiri Making (K) 12:45 pm SC Sectionals (S & 3F) 1:00 pm Young Adults Group (4F Youth room) 1:00 pm Council Mtg. (2F)	Ministers: The TUC Congregation Pastor: Steve Yamaguchi (pastor@tokyounion.org) Associate Pastor: Héctor Herrera (associatepastor@tokyounion.org) President of the Congregation: Catherine Sasanuma (president@tokyounion.org) Intern Director of Youth & Children's Ministry: Byron Walker (Byron@tokyounion.org) Sanctuary Choir Director: Yuka Omi (sanctchoir@tokyounion.org) Organists: Miwako Horii Takako Hanabusa Nursery workers: Panmei Guiriangdinliu Anna Yamaguchi Office Administrator: Megumi Naito (office@tokyounion.org) Finance/Accounting: Katsunori Mikami (finance1@tokyounion.org) Property Manager: Romulo "Drix" Apigo (facility@tokyounion.org)
Apr 22 (Mon)	8:00 am Morning Meet-Up (Zoom) 7:00 pm Praying & Reading Group (Zoom)	
Apr 23 (Tue)	By Noon Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30 pm Sermon Lab (Zoom)	
Apr 24 (Wed)	8:00 am Morning Meet-Up (Zoom) 9:00 pm "A Life Beyond Amazing" Bible Study (Zoom)	
Apr 25 (Thu)	8:00 am Lectio Divina Group (Zoom) 8:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	
Apr 26 (Fri)	8:00 am Morning Meet-Up (Zoom) 10:00 am Praying & Reading Group (Zoom) 10:30 am Festive Friday (2F) Confirmation Course Retreat (4/26 - 4/29 @Karuizawa)	
Apr 27 (Sat)	8:30 am Men's Breakfast (B1- Room D)	
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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.

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