

Tokyo Union Church
August 21, 2005 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

"Voluntary" by W. Boyce

(* Please Stand; ** Late Seating)

*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 138*

Pastor: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

People: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

Pastor: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

People: I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: when I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

Pastor: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

People: The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

Pastor: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

**OPENING HYMN 455

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have graced our lives with the life of Jesus, and we rejoice that our lives are forever linked with him through baptism. This enables us to recognize and proclaim Jesus as your Son, and our Lord and Savior. In him, our lives - our minds and our hearts - are transformed and renewed so that we may discern in your will for the world all that is good and acceptable and perfect. We confess, however, that there are times when our actions and our words seem to be conformed more to the world's values than to doing your will.

Forgive us when we believe that our faith experience is superior to the way others have come to faith and so fail to recognize and share the humility that life in Christ possesses. Forgive us when we exclude people from our fellowship through prejudice and discrimination; and so fail to recognize and share the love that life in Christ imparts.

Merciful God, so transform us with the life of Christ and renew us in his image that the grace, humility and compassion which marked his life will be clearly visible in and experienced through our lives; so that we who are one body in Christ may delight in sharing the gifts you graciously give us for both the building up of this community of faith and the communities in which we live and work and play. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - *2 Corinthians 5:17, 18a*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, to whom we have been reconciled through Christ.

Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn "We Are the Body of Christ" (See back)

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20 (NT p.18)

Lectors: (8:30) Jean Pengosro (11:00) Brian Talkington

**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 379

"My Hope Is Build on Nothing Less"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-8 (NT p. 161)

SERMON

"Walking the Talk - Living the Sacrifice"

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **The Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA), Japan**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Music

"O Lord Have Mercy" by Stradella

Terri Bostock, 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

Hymn 508

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

INVITATION TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE TRIP LUNCHEON (8:30) Jiro Hayashi (11:00) Suresh Kukde

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 391

"Take My Life"

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 536 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

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

POSTLUDE

"Epilogue" by N. Gilbert

The Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA), Japan: ICA organizes integrated community development programs in poverty-stricken areas of Asia, Africa, and South America with a focus on AIDS, women's rights, organic agriculture, home gardens, and reforestation. Programs emphasize local leadership and values training along with practical skills training.