

***Tokyo Union Church***  
***August 28, 2005 at 8:30 & 11:00 am***

PRELUDE "Adagio" by F. Mendelssohn

INTROIT "Lead Me Lord"

*Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face  
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety*

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 122*

Jean Pengosro

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let's go to the Lord's house."

**People: And now we are here, standing inside the gates of Jerusalem!**

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you prosper."

**People: "May there be peace inside your walls and safety in your palaces."**

Leader: For the sake of my relatives and friends, I say to Jerusalem, "Peace be with you!"

**People: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I pray for your prosperity.**

\*\*OPENING HYMN 482

"Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful Creator, you continue to seek us, however unworthy we may feel in our sinfulness. And you welcome us into your presence in love and grace. With this knowledge, we confess our inability and reluctance to do what is pleasing in your sight. Forgive us the wrong that we do and the good which we do not do. Despite the suffering, injustice and oppression we see happening, we turn a blind eye. We are unwilling to be involved. Forgive us the apathy we show; instead, as your ambassadors, empowered by your Holy Spirit, create in us a love for our fellow-beings, a sense of justice and a need to speak up and act where there is wrong or a lack of love. We ask all this in the name of your Son, who walked the land before we did and showed us by His words and deeds, how to love and care for each other.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Know that our gracious Lord is with His people today, as we confess our shortcomings and ask for strength to love one another. Remember that He is a forgiving and loving God, who promises to blot out our sins and cleanse us anew. Go forth in the knowledge that He is with us all the days of our lives, to work for justice and peace in this world, so that His glory is established once again.

\*\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Lector: Jiro Hayashi

Leviticus 25:18-24 (OT p. 112)

\*\*GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Roxanne Bucaria

*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 293

"This Is My Father's World"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25 (OT p. 696)

SERMON

“Horizons of the Spirit”

Pastor Craig Hunter

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Music

“The Trumpet Shall Sound” by G. F. Händel

Kazunori Higuchi, solo

(11:00) Music

“The Lord Is My Shepherd

Jeff Hayman and Kazunori Higuchi, duet

\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings - Hymn 333 “Seek Ye First”

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you.**

**Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.**

**Allelu, alleluia!**

(8:30) HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn 513

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION & QUESTIONS TO 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 Member: 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 Member: 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 Member: 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 services?

**New Member: 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.**

MOMENT FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

*In the name of the Lord, we warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers.*

\*CLOSING HYMN 302

“I Danced in the Morning”

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 586: **Amen, Amen, Amen.**)

*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

“Con Moto Maestoso” by F. Mendelssohn

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Special thanks to the members of the Israel/Palestine trip who helped prepare and lead today's worship service.