

Tokyo Union Church
July 24, 2005 at 10:00 am

PRELUDE "He Who Lets Only Beloved God Rule" by M. Reger

INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

(Please Stand; ** Late Seating)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O give thanks to God. Call on God's name.

People: Sing to God and tell of all God's wonderful works.

Pastor: Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

People: Remember the wonderful works God has done.

Pastor: Seek God and remember God's promises to always be with us.

**OPENING HYMN 476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of us all, we come to you this day acknowledging our doubts and fears. Sometimes we, like Jacob, trick ourselves into believing that we are the best and that we are right. We have hurt others and blamed it on them. We have sold ourselves out to what is easy and not necessarily what is right. Bless us now with your loving kindness, forgive us, and open us to defend what is right. Make us trustworthy and true to your will for us. Through Christ, Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn "I Love You, Lord"

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY - The Stewardship Ministry

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Lector: Sam Mchombo

Psalm 105:1-11 (OT p. 556)

**GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Ryan Jade

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 333

"Seek Ye First"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:44-52 (NT p. 15)

SERMON

“A Treasure Hidden”

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Ken Owusu

(Praying today for **Chakhesang Women Welfare Society, India**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Anthem

“It Is Well With My Soul” by J. N. Beck

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!

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 339

“Be Thou My Vision”

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

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

POSTLUDE

“May What My God Wills Come To Pass” by M. Reger
