

**Tokyo Union Church**  
**October 16, 2005 at 8:30 & 11:00 am**

PRELUDE

"Ricercar" by A. Poglietti

(8:30) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise God.

**People: Praise God, O my soul!**

Pastor: I will praise God as long as I live.

**People: I will sing praises to my God while I have being.**

**All: Let us praise God together.**

\*\*OPENING HYMN 138

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We have not trusted you, faithful God, but we have trusted ourselves. We believe we can make ourselves in an image we will like and that you will approve. We rely on others to reassure us of our good image. We plan and plot our own way, rather than entrust ourselves to you. Rather than seek your help and blessings you give, we help ourselves to whatever we can in search of happiness. You made us to trust you, faithful God, and you will not let us rest until we do.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God will not leave us, nor turn from pursuing us. Where we go, God already is. Where we dwell, God dwells. We are God's people. God will be God, ever faithful. Trust God who forgives us in Jesus Christ.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (verse 1)

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,**

**That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.**

\*\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

*We welcome you to Tokyo Union Church. Visitors, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering bag.*

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY - Finance

Ken Inkster, Alan Sorba

(11:00) MOMENT FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH SURVEY

Brock McMunn

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 45:1-7 (OT p. 674)

Lectors: (8:30) Sue Yokoyama (11:00) Jody Fuller

\*\*GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Pastor Craig Hunter

*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 263

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22 (NT p. 24)

SERMON

"And to God the things that are God's"

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Ho Chi Minh City Child Welfare Foundation, Vietnam**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Anthem

"Lord for Thy Tender" by R. Farrant

Sanctuary Choir

(11:00) Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

\*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.*  
Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

(11:00) BAPTISM - **Aya Hosaka, Masako Matsunaga, Makiko Sirakami, Ninih Sysanti, Sylvia Yeung**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**Response: I do.**

Pastor: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**Response: I do.**

Pastor: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**Response: I do.**

Pastor: According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

**Response: I will.**

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**Congregation: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

**Congregation: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Congregation: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER OF BLESSING

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

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

\*CLOSING 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.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn "Awesome God")

**Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, pow'r and love; Our God is an awesome God!**

*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

"Plein Jeu" by P. du Mage

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***Everyone is welcome to join the Evening Praise Service at 4 pm.***

**Ho Chi Minh City Child Welfare Foundation, Vietnam:** HCWF ministers to local street children and provides shelter for girls who have been sexually abused. HCWF also supports programs for disabled, disadvantaged and malnourished children, provides pre-natal and post-natal education for needy mothers, and offers community-based child and family support services.