

***Tokyo Union Church***  
***October 9, 2005 at 8:30 & 11:00 am***

PRELUDE "O God, Thou Good God" by J. Brahms

(11:00) INTROIT Sanctuary Choir  
(\* Please Stand; \*\* Late Seating)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Hear you peoples, all of you: Listen, O earth, and all that is in it.

**People: We come to listen, to hear, to pray, to worship.**

Leader: As in the days when we came out of Egypt, God will show us marvelous things.

**People: In the love of a friend, in the laughter of a child, in the bright hope of a new idea, we shall see God.**

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*\*OPENING HYMN 260** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We confess, Lord, that we are prone by nature and habit to make the wrong choices. We choose independence instead of discipleship. We choose retaliation instead of reconciliation. We see all around us the beauty of your world, but we deface and mar its perfection. We read in the newspapers about oppression and persecution, but we shrug as if it were not our concern. We hear on television the cries of the hungry, and we go out and purchase more luxuries. Pardon, O Holy Father, our lack of commitment, and lead us in the difficult way of a true disciple. Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*\*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.*

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 3:1-10 (OT p. 585)

Lectors: (8:30) Daniel Gesling (11:00) Mesha McDowell

HYMN 293 "This is My Father's World"

**\*\*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.*

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:21-31 (OT p. 668)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Sanyukai, Japan**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

(11:00) Anthem

“O Praise the Lord with Heart and Voice” by J. Haydn

Sanctuary Choir

\*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 - *Please turn to Hymnal p. 13.*

Hymn 513

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

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

\*CLOSING HYMN 536

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

\*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

“Voluntary” by J. Alcock

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**Sanyukai:** Sanyukai seeks to relieve the hardships experienced by the increasing numbers of homeless people and day laborers in Tokyo by providing medical care and welfare programs. They currently offer a free clinic, soup kitchen, counseling, and a shelter for the homeless.