

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

PRELUDE "Voluntary" by T. Tomkins

(11:00) INTROIT

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God is my strength and my might.

**People: Praise God for all God's greatness and power.**

Pastor: God is majestic in holiness and awesome in splendor.

**People: Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall give praise to God.**

\*\*OPENING HYMN 464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love, we come to you now to confess our sins. We confess that we have been selfish and wasteful in the use of the gifts and talents you have given us. Like the servant, we tend to hoard things, lacking faith that enough will be provided. We give in to temptations we encounter and take for granted the blessings you give. We get carried away with our getting and spending, and forget about giving and sharing.**

**Forgive us our selfishness.**

**Forgive us our squandering.**

**Forgive us our petty grudges which we carry endlessly.**

**Restore us now in courage and faith and help us to love each other as Christ has taught. In his name we pray, Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - "Sanctuary"

**\*\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

(11:00) MOMENT FOR MINISTRY - Sanctuary Choir

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:19-31 (OT p. 61)

Lectors: (8:30) Joy Onozuka (11:00) Ryo Takagi

**\*\*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 374

"Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35 (NT p. 20)

SERMON

"Living a Life of Grace"

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy, Russia**)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

(11:00) Anthem

"Shout the Glad Tidings" by G. F. Handel

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!**

(8:30) HOLY COMMUNION - *Please turn to Hymnal p. 13.*

Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

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

\*CLOSING HYMN 358

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

THE LORD'S PRAYER – **Ecumenical** (Hymnal p. 16)

\*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

"Toccata" by J. Kuhnau

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**Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy, Russia:** Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy (MPC) is an interdenominational congregation in the heart of Russia's capital city. A significant ministry of the congregation is a soup kitchen which provides food and the love of Christ to the poor, elderly and foreigners who reside in Moscow.