

Tokyo Union Church
September 18, 2005 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE "Cromhorne en Taille" by G. Corrette

(8:30) INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

(Please Stand; ** Late Seating)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Seek God and God's strength.

People: God is our protector and provider. God gives light in the darkness.

Pastor: God gives water to the thirsty and food to the hungry.

People: Let God's people sing out with joy. Let us worship God.

**OPENING HYMN 469

"Morning Has Broken"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we are like the Israelites in our quickness to complain. We grumble when we are hungry and thirsty, not only for daily food, but for spiritual nurture as well.

We complain when our homes seem inadequate and fail to realize that our shelter is more than adequate. We are always searching for more. We are quick to feel that life is unfair to us, that others have more than we do. Make us conscious again, O God, of the homeless, the poor, the hungry, the hurting. Give us courage to reach out to them, and fill us and them with your Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - "Spirit of God" (See back)

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

(8:30) MOMENT FOR MINISTRY - Sanctuary Choir

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THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 3:10-4:11 (OT p. 861)

Lectors: (8:30) Dennis Schneider (11:00) Ken Owusu

**GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Joy Onozuka

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 298

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16 (NT p. 2)

SERMON

“Are You Envious of My Generosity?”

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Peace Center for the Blind, Israel**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Anthem

“Shout the Glad Tidings” by G. F. Händel

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.*

Hymn 521

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

(11:00) BAPTISM - Kent Hiro Neureiter

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

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

*CLOSING HYMN 413

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

*BENEDICTION - *Psalm 105 v.1*

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn “Make Us One”

*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

“Fugue in F minor” by G. F. Händel

Peace Center for the Blind, Israel: This center in Jerusalem offers the opportunity for young Palestinian women who are visually impaired to finish their basic education and to learn fundamental vocational and domestic skills.