

***Tokyo Union Church***  
***September 4, 2005 at 8:30 & 11:00 am***

PRELUDE "Fugue in B-flat Major" by F. Roberty

(11:00) INTROIT

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Awake! Today is the day God has made.

**People: Sing to God a new song and praise God's holy name.**

Pastor: We come with our songs of praise to our faithful God.

**People: Where two or three are gathered in God's name, God is here among us.**

Pastor: Praise be to God!

\*\*OPENING HYMN 485 "To God Be the Glory"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of hope and peace, God of strength and gentleness, remind us again of the holy way for God's people to travel.**

**Forgive us for failing to see your joy and majesty. Forgive us for being weak in serving you. Forgive us for failing to see the glory of your creation where waters can break forth in the wilderness and the deserts shall bring forth beauty.**

**Open our eyes to see your promises. Open our ears to hear the good news of your love for all your children. Quench our thirst with showers of your love for us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 184 "How Blest Are Those" (verse 1)

**How blest are those whose great sin has freely been forgiven.**

**Whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.**

**Blest those to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin,**

**Whose guilt has been forgiven, whose heart is true again.**

\*\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:15-20 (NT p. 20)

Lectors: (8:30) Scott Carroll (11:00) Yoshimitsu Nakao

\*\*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 "Sing a New Song to the Lord" (See back)

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 149 (OT p. 583)

SERMON

“Singing a New Song”

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **KRUPA, India**)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

(11:00) Anthem

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” by G. N. Allen

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!**

HOLY COMMUNION - *Please turn to Hymnal p. 13.*

*(All Christians are invited to come forward for Communion.*

*Communion will be served by 'intinction'. Please take the bread, dip it in the cup and then eat.*

*Those not receiving communion may come forward for a special blessing. Families may stand together to commune.*

*聖餐式はクリスチャンのための式典です。*

*クリスチャンでない方はご自分の席でお待ちになるか、または参列してサーバーの前で腕をXに組み祝福の言葉を受けて下さい。)*

During Communion

Hymn 333 “Seek Ye First”

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

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

\*CLOSING HYMN 307

“Fight the Good Fight”

\*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

“Postlude in D Major” by H. Willan

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**KRUPA, India:** KRUPA is a Christian ministry which provides integrated community development for socially marginalized groups including leprosy colonies, gypsy communities, and prisons. They provide educational, physical and spiritual nurture as well as housing, civic amenities and self-empowerment schemes for these poverty-stricken communities.