

46th Sunday Rite of the year

Nativity Day 8th Sunday Service

«Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy»

[Entrance Part]

- Prelude (Silent Prayer)
- "Jesus is My Joy" (Hymn 21, No. 525)
Composed by M. Bayerby

- Greeting
- Hymn Nos.21-432
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms 106 : 19~23

[Worship of the Word]

- Scripture
- ✦ Proverbs 8:32~36
(Old Testament P.1001)
- ✦ Luke 15:11~25
(New Testament p.139)
- Response Hymns 21-38
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"Where is happiness"
- Apostles' Creed

[Communion Worship]

- Consecration Hymns Nos. 21-81
- Church Prayer (Litany)
- Peace Greetings
- Hymns Nos. 21-83
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Supper

[Response, Dispatch, and Blessing]

- Hymns Nos. 21-451
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Nos. 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)
"The City Where the Heavenly
Radiance Dwells"
(URBS BEATA.JERUSALEM)
(Hymn 21, No.576)

[Today's Worship Service]

- AssistantCerver : Masato Sawada
- Musician : Sachie Shikano
- Donation Duty : Anastasia V
- Reception Duty : Hideo Okumiya

[Today's schedule]

- ◇Church school (9:30 a.m.)
 - Talk : Masato Sawada
- ◇Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇Joint prayer meeting (after service)

[Information on this week's church meetings]

- ◇Morning prayer
 - Tuesday, February 18, 8 : 30 a.m.
 - Friday, February 21, 9 a.m.
- ◇English Conversation
- Thursday, February 20, 7:30 p.m.

[Information on next Sunday]

- ◇Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
 - Talk : Mariko Inoue
- ◇Sunday Morning Service
February23 (10:30 a.m.)
 - Scripture
 - ✦ Genesis 3:1~13
 - ✦ Mark 12:28~34
(Old Testament P.3, New Testament P.86)
 - Lecture by Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"What is the Fall?"
 - Hymn 21 524, 38, 419
 - Reading Psalms 107:1~9
 - AssistantCerver : Masato Sawada
 - Musician : Masako Iida
 - Donation Duty : Kenichi Yamachiyo
 - Reception duty : Mayumi Sawada
- ◇Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇Joint prayer meeting (after service)

Scripture

Let's eat and celebrate. This son was dead and came back to life, and he was gone but he was found.]

(Luke 15 : 24)

[Reports and personal disappearances]

- (1) "Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week" : 17 (Mon) 10:30 a.m. "Osaka Christian Federation Board Meeting", 18 (Tue) 10 a.m. "Study Session on Mental Illness", 22 (Sat) 10 a.m. "Iris Nursery School Board of Directors", 1 p.m. "Lawyer Lecture"
- (2) «Notice of events in February~March»
 - February 18 (Tue) 10 a.m. "Mental illness study session"
 - March 2 (Sun) "Apology Prayer and Ashes Ceremony", 1 p.m. "Regular Board Meeting"
 - March 5 (Wed) 2 p.m. "YWCA Bible Study Group" membership fee 500 yen
 - March 9 (Sun) After the service, "Church School Teachers' Meeting"
 - March 16 (Sun) "Chubu District Exchange Pulpit" (Higashi Umeda Church)
 - March 18, (Tue) 10 a.m. "Mental illness study session"
- (3) [Today's prayer task] ●To take a religious corporation and build a large chapel. ●So that Miyakojima Church will become a church that evangelizes outwardly. ●To heal the sick.
- (4) [Last week's meeting statistics]

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
9	Church school	—	1	6	7	¥1,850
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
9	Morning Service	8	14	5	27	¥28,646
11	Morning prayer	2	3	—	5	
14	Morning prayer	5	3	—	8	

- (5) [2/9donation report]
[monthly offering] Kimiko Kobuchi, Mayumi Sawada, Ritsuko Terada, Kishiko Hata, Marina Hata(44,000 yen in total) [Baptism, Birthday, Thanks] Masako Iida, Mariko Inoue, Takehito Uenaka Marina Hata, Kazuya Terada, Kimiko Kurosawa (36,000 yen in total) [Mutual Aid] Hideo Okumiya, Mayumi Sawada, Ritsuko Terada, Kenichi Yamachiyo (4,000 yen in total) [Architecture] Mayumi Sawada, Ritsuko Terada, Kishiko Hata, Marina Hata (10,500 yen in total)

[Continuation of last week's sermon summary]

Do not be afraid to come down from on high. He wants to be best friends with you, even if you don't stretch yourself or be respectable. At this time, Zacchaeus's senses and whole body were focused on Christ, not on this world. This is called conversion. Conversion is not about repenting of our mistakes, but about turning our whole body (life) to Christ.

③ 【 Starting a Christ-centered life 】 His encounter with Jesus filled him. Zacchaeus's life changed 180 degrees. He later became a disciple of Peter and the bishop of Caesarea. Jesus says: "Salvation came to this house today, for he is also the son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and save the lost." (Verses 9~10) The purpose of Christ's coming to this earth was to "search for the lost." "Lost" means that something has moved away from where it should have been, and has been placed in the wrong place. Man was created to be placed on God's side. Therefore, our lives must change to a God-centered life, a Christ-centered life. To change our lives, to change from world-centered to the kingdom-centered, to die in this world and live in the kingdom of God, to abandon the values of this world and change to the values of Christ. That is why we were created anew by Christ. It is said that "those who are involved in the affairs of the world should be like those who have nothing to do with them" (1 Corinthians 7:31), but unfortunately Christians today are only enthusiastic about the problems of this world. Because we are not dead in this world, we are not living in the kingdom of God. That's why we argue and judge each other about the things of this world. Remember, Christ brought you out of this world and gathered you to heaven. And I would like you to use the time you have left to learn to live in heaven.