

48th Sunday Rite of the year

Nativity Day 10th Sunday Service

《Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy》

【Entrance Part】

- Prelude (Silent Prayer)
- "By Deep Love" (Hymn 21, No.283)
Composed by J. Dunstable
- Greeting
- Hymn Nos.21-430
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms 108 : 11~14

【Worship of the Word】

- Scripture
- ✚ Proverbs 19:11~17 (Old Test P.1001)
- ✚ Matthew 25:31~46 (New Test p.139)
- Response Hymns 21-32
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"The Last Judgment"
- Initiation Ceremony
- Apostles' Creed

【Communion Worship】

- Consecration Hymns Nos. 21-81
- Church Prayer (Litany)
- Prayer of Apology
(Reconciliation Greeting)
- Hymns Nos. 21-83
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Supper

【Response, Dispatch, and Blessing】

- Hymns Nos. 21-487
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Nos. 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)
- "In Our Name" (Hymn 21, No.524)
Composed by Kitazawa Yasushi
- Ash Ceremony

【Today's Worship Service】

- AssistantCerver : Hideo Okumiya
- Musician : Sachie Shikano
- Donation Duty : Iwao Kurosawa
- Reception Duty : Hitoshi Katsumi

【Today's schedule】

- ◇ Church school (9:30 a.m.)
- Talk : Mayumi Sawada
- ◇ Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇ Joint prayer meeting (after service)
- ◇ Regular board meeting (1 p.m.)

【Information on this week's church meetings】

- ◇ Morning prayer
- According to the prayer schedule
- ◇ English Conversation
- Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

【Information on next Sunday】

- ◇ Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
- Talk : Hanae Kotsubo
- ◇ Sunday Morning Service
March 9 (10:30 a.m.)

- Scripture
- ✚ I. Corinthians 15:12~17
- ✚ John 11:17~27, 38~44
(New Testament P.320, P.189)

- Lecture by Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"I am the resurrection and the life"
- Hymn 21 297, 32, 528
- Reading Psalms 109:21~28
- AssistantCerver : Masato Sawada
- Musician : Masako Iida
- Donation Duty : Will P
- Reception duty : Ritsuko Terada

- ◇ Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇ Joint prayer meeting (after service)
- ◇ Church School Teachers' Meeting
(after service)

Scripture

「Let me be clear: What you have done to one of the least of these, my brother, is what you have done to me.」

(Matthew 25:40)

【Reports and personal disappearances】

- (1) "Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week" : March 5 (Wed) 2 p.m. "YWCA Bible Study Group"
- (2) Passion Day (Lent) will begin on Monday, March 3. During this period, dedicate yourself to Bible reading and prayer. We also distributed donation bags. Thank you for your cooperation.
- (3) In today's service, we will hold an induction ceremony for Mr. Nobuaki Kimoto. Pray that the Lord will sustain and help your brother in his future steps.
- (4) 《Notice of events in March》
 - March 2 (Sun) "Apology Prayer and Ashes Ceremony", 1 p.m. "Regular Board Meeting"
 - March 3 (Mon) ~ April 19 (Sat) "Rent, Taisai"
 - 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"
- (5) [Today's prayer task] ● To build a new chapel.
● For peace in Ukraine.
- (6) [Last week's meeting statistics]

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
23	Church school	—	1	7	8	¥2,450
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
23	Morning Service	8	14	5	33	¥30,250
25	Morning prayer	2	4	—	6	
28	Morning prayer	2	2	—	4	

- (7) [2/23donation report]
- [monthly offering] Hanae Kotsubo, Masato Sawada (20,500yen in total) [Thanks] Hitoshi Katsumi, Setsuko Nishihara (12,000 yen in total) [Mutual Aid] Hideo Okumiya, Yoshihiro Kobuchi, Masato Sawada, Seiko Yamachiyo (5,000yen in total) [Architecture] Masato Sawada (5,000yen in total)
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- ∟Let's pray. I want to go back to the basics of listening to God's word and living according to it.

【Continuation of last week's sermon summary】

∟St. Macarius in the 4th century said, "In hell people do not look at each other's faces." Those who have moved away from God will eventually not be able to hear God's voice and will not hear it from themselves. It's getting cloudier and cloudier. Adam failed to hear God's word. That is why we must restore our ability to hear God's Word. Pastor Kenzo Sawazaki left this sentence. "What kind of place is the wilderness? The word "wilderness" originally comes from the verb "to speak." It would mean a place with a voice. What does that mean? Everyone would think that the wilderness is a place without people and without voices. ... I go out into the wilderness alone early in the morning because I want a quiet place away from the desert. This is because I want to pray quietly and become familiar with the Bible alone. ... It means where God speaks, where God's voice is. ... The wilderness is a deserted place. But where God is. The wilderness is the place of God." In order to hear God's voice, we must turn away from the voice of man. Our daily lives are filled with human voices. You can't hear God's voice from there. Modern man does not know how to be still. At the foot of Mount Sinai is the oldest monastery, St. Catherine's Monastery. Monasteries were built in remote wilderness or on cliffs. I have heard that it is written in the Psalms, "There shall be destruction in the city" (Psalm 55:12), so they went out into the wilderness. Both Elijah and Moses met God in the wilderness. Even Jesus wakes up early in the morning and prays in secluded places. Some people think that prayer is about speaking earnestly to God, but this is not the case. Prayer is to be still and hear God's voice. Remember the boy Samuel. "Please speak, I am listening." (1 Samuel 3:10). Until we hear God's voice, let us retreat into the wilderness, alone. "Please speak, I am listening." ∟