

The 24th Sunday Rite of the year

15th Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service

《Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy》

【Entrance Part】

- Prelude (Silent Prayer)
"Filled with Gratitude"
(Hymn 21 no.11)
Composed by G.F. Kaufmann

- Greeting
- Hymn 21-55
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms 119 (Sameku)

【Worship of the Word】

- Scripture
 - ✦ I John 1:1~4
 - ✦ John 1:1~3, 14~18
(New p.441, p.163)
- Response Hymns 21-46
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"The Eternal Life That Has Appeared"
- Apostles' Creed

【Communion Worship】

- Consecration Hymns 21-72
- Church Prayer (Litany)
- Peace Greetings
- Hymns 21-83
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Supper

【Response, Dispatch, and Blessing】

- Hymn 21-543
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Hymns 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)
"The Dwelling Place of the Lord"
(Hymn 21 no.140)
Arranged by Y. Sakiyama

【Today's Worship Service】

- Assistant Cerver : Mariko Inoue
- Musician : Sachie Shikano
- Donation Duty : Kishiko Hata
- Reception Duty : Ritsuko Terada

【Today's schedule】

- ◇ Church school (9:30 a.m.)
 - Talk : Takaaki Inoue
- ◇ Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇ Joint prayer meeting (after service)
- ◇ Church School Teachers' Meeting
(after service)

【Information on this week's church meetings】

- ◇ Morning prayer
 - September 16 (Tue) 8:30 a.m.
 - September 19 (Fri) 9:00 a.m.
- ◇ English Conversation
 - Closed.

【Information on next Sunday】

- ◇ Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
 - Talk : Hanae Kotubo
- ◇ Sunday Morning Service
September 21 (10:30 a.m.)
 - Scripture
 - ✦ Isaiah 43:1-7
 - ✦ 1 John 3:1-10
 - Lecture by Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"Being Made Children of God"
 - Hymn 21 484, 46, 487
 - Reading Psalms 119 (Ein)
 - Assistant Cerver : Hitoshi Katsumi
 - Musician : Masako Iida
 - Donation Duty : To be determined
 - Reception duty : Yoshiko Aizawa
- ◇ Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇ Joint prayer meeting (after service)

Scripture

「What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen
with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands—」

(1 John 1:1~2)

【Reports and personal disappearances】

- (1) "Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week" :
Monday, the 15th (Holiday): "Church School Day Camp" Tuesday, the 16th: 10:00 AM
"Mental Health Study Session"
- (2) 《Scheduled church events for September》
 - September 15 (Mon.) "Church School Day Trip Camp : 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM"
 - Tuesday, September 16, 10:00 a.m. "Study Session on Mental Illness"
 - September 29 (Mon.) 1:30 p.m. "Sharon Senri Worship Service"
- (3) Donations for the Myanmar earthquake disaster relief closed at the end of August. A total of ¥26,500 was collected, of which ¥25,000 was donated to "Atutu Myanmar" through the Church's Social Affairs Department. We thank everyone for their cooperation.
- (4) 【Today's prayer task】 ● For the construction of a new chapel. ● For peace in Ukraine and Gaza. ● For our brothers and their families in detention centers and prisons. ● For the health of our children.
- (5) 【Last week's meeting statistics】

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
7	Church school	0	1	5	6	¥1,550
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
7	Morning Service	6	15	4	25	¥13,600
9	Morning prayer	2	3	—	5	
12	Morning prayer	1	2	—	3	

(6) 【9/7 donation report】

【Monthly fixed】 Masako Iida, Mariko Inoue, Asako Inoue, Seichiro Inoue, Kimiko Kobuchi, Yoshihiro Kobuchi, Mayumi Sawada, Sachie Shikano, Ritsuko Terada, Kishiko Hata, Marina Hata, Akemi Hishida, Seiko Yamachiyo, Kenichi Yamachiyo, Nobuaki Kimoto (Total: ¥100,500)
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【Continuation of last week's sermon summary】

✧ Manna had to be gathered daily. Faith lasts only for that day. I believe God's life, the heavenly element, cannot remain long within our perishable earthly bodies. The Bible states, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal" (Genesis 6:3), and St. Paul wrote, "What is perishable cannot inherit what is imperishable" (1 Corinthians 15:50). Therefore, the early church celebrated the Eucharist daily. "They devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple every day, breaking bread in their homes..." (Acts 2:46). I believe the Eucharistic bread itself was meant to last only that day. The effect of the Eucharistic bread received during worship is entirely different from that received at home afterward. The Eucharist received during worship truly gives strength. However, because they put the manna in a jar, placed it before the Lord, and stored it for generations (16:33), this gave rise to the concept of the reserved Eucharist. In both the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, the consecrated bread is kept in the tabernacle. The power of faith quickly fades. It lasts only a few hours. If you go two or three days without reading the Bible or praying, you become complacent, and your faith disappears. Faith comes from God, so we must seek it daily and continue receiving it daily. Faith exists only when we worship and pray toward God—that is, only when we are connected to God. By reading the Bible daily, offering prayers, and continually partaking of the Eucharist, this repetition allows heavenly things, God's life, to enter the human body more quickly. In an instant, the Holy Spirit fills us, and heaven is created within our hearts.

✧ 【Mutual Aid】 Mariko Inoue, Hideo Okumiya, Mayumi Sawada, Sachie Shikano, Ritsuko Terada (Total: ¥6,000)