

The 11th Sunday Rite of the year

Flower Day and Children's Day Worship Service

《Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy》

【Entrance Part】

- Prelude (Silent Prayer)
“Come, Holy Spirit” by T. Atwood
- Greeting
- Hymn 21-339
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms: Psalm 143:4-8

【Worship of the Word】

- Scripture
+1 Corinthians 1:26-29
+ Mark 12:1-12
- Response Hymns 21-46
- Lecture Pastor Marie Tone
"The Meaning of Your Election"
- Apostles' Creed

【Communion Worship】

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

【Response, Dispatch, and Blessing】

- Hymn 21-347
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Hymns 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)
“As Long as the World Endures”
(Hymn No. 21, Verse 4)
Arranged by Yasuko Harada

【Today's Worship Service】

- Assistant Presider: Ritsuko Terada
- Musician : Sachie Shikano
- Offering Collector : Kotaro Hata
- Receptionist : Hanae Kotubo

【Today's schedule】

- ◇ Church school (9:30 a.m.)
 - Talk : Mariko Inoue
- ◇ Hymn Practice (after the service)
- ◇ Joint Prayer Meeting (after the service)
- ◇ Sunday School Teachers' Meeting (after the service)
【Information on this week's church meetings】

- ◇ Morning Prayer
 - Tuesday, June 16, 8:30 a.m.
 - Thursday, June 18, 9:00 a.m.
 - Friday, June 19, 9:00 a.m.
- ◇ English Conversation Group
 - Thursday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.

【Information on next Sunday】

- ◇ Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
 - Talk : Mayumi Sawada
- ◇ Sunday Morning Service
June 21 (10:30 a.m.)
 - Scripture
+ Ezekiel 22:1-4, 23-25
+ Mark 13:32-37
 - Sermon: Pastor Takaaki Inoue
“The Decline of Religion and Morality”
 - Hymn 21 148, 46, 510
 - Reading Psalms : Psalm 144 : 3~8
 - Assistant Presider: Masato Sawada
 - Musician : Masako Iida
 - Offering Collector: Will Peeve
 - Receptionist: Mariko Inoue
- ◇ Hymn Practice (after the service)
- ◇ Joint Prayer Meeting (after the service)
- ◇ Evangelism Committee (after the service)

Scripture

「God chose those who are considered nothing in the world—the lowly and the despised—so that He might bring the powerful to nothing.」

(1 Corinthians 1:28)

【Reports and personal disappearances】

- ① "Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week" : Monday, the 15th, 9:00 a.m.: “Visits at Osaka Prison”; Tuesday, the 16th, 10:00 a.m.: “Workshop on Mental Health”; Saturday, the 20th, 10:00 a.m.: “Interviews with Sharon Senri Residents”
- ② Last week, Rei Saegusa (from Gamo Church) attended our worship service for the first time. We are grateful.
- ③ 《Church Events Schedule for June》
 - June 14 (Sun) After the service: “Sunday School Teachers' Meeting”
 - June 16 (Tue) 10:00 AM: “Mental Health Study Group”
 - June 21 (Sun): “Evangelism Committee” meeting after the service
- ④ Let's make our Pentecost offering. Our goal is 150,000 yen.
- ⑤ 【Last week's meeting statistics】

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
7	Church school	—	1	6	7	¥1,300
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
7	Morning Service	9	16	4	29	¥10,950
8	Morning praye	1	3	—	4	
11	Morning praye	3	3	—	6	
12	Morning praye	1	4	—	5	

⑥ 【Donation Report for June 7】

【Monthly Donors】 Yoshiko Aizawa, Masako Iida, Mariko Inoue, Asako Inoue, Seiichiro Inoue, Hideo Okumiya, Hitoshi Katsumi, Nobuaki Kimoto, Masato Sawada, Mayumi Sawada, Sachie Shikano, Ritsuko Terada, Akemi Hishida, Sachiko Miyama, Kenichi Yamachiyo, Seiko Yamachiyo, Nozomi Sawada, Kiyoshi Ueno, Hideko Ueno (Total: 131,200 yen) [Appreciation] Mariko Inoue, Keiko Nakamura (Total: 5,200 yen) [Construction] Masako Iida, Mariko Inoue, Masato Sawada, Mayumi Sawada, Ritsuko Terada, Sachiko Miyama (Total: 20,000 yen) [Mutual Aid] Hideo Okumiya, Yoshihiro Kobuchi, Masato Sawada, Mayumi Sawada, Sachie Shikano, Ritsuko Terada (Total: 15,000 yen) [Pentecost Thanks] Akemi Hishida (Total: 5,000 yen)

【Continuation of last week's sermon summary】

❸ 【The wind blows as it pleases】 Jesus said to Nicodemus, “The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit” (verse 8). Here, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the wind. The wind blows freely and passes by. We cannot see the wind. Yet the wind always brings about a change in the people or things it touches. The Holy Spirit is the same. Though the Holy Spirit is invisible, those who receive Him are transformed as if they were different people. When the Holy Spirit blows, a new person is born within the old person. This is the meaning of “What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit” (3:6). Thus, within a single human being, two aspects coexist simultaneously: the natural person born of the flesh and the divine (spiritual) person born of the Holy Spirit. The natural person tries to live by his own strength, but the spiritual person seeks to live by God. When the Holy Spirit continually puts to death this outer, fleshly person and fills the inner, spiritual person, tremendous divine power is manifested. A mother's son had a developmental disability and was addicted to paint thinner. He started sniffing paint thinner at age 14 and continued until he was 30. Over the course of 10 years, he was admitted to countless psychiatric hospitals, where he realized that addiction cannot be cured by medical treatment alone. After crying his heart out, he heard a mysterious voice saying, “It's okay to be alive.” His mindset shifted to, “I am being kept alive.” Until then, he had lived complaining, “Why am I the only one going through this?” but from that moment on, he changed. When his mother saw him, she knew at a glance that her son had changed. And apparently, his mother changed as well. Faith always requires that we be “empty” and “zero.” When our own strength becomes zero, God's power comes in. At that moment, the Holy Spirit will blow freely and use me to perform God's work.