The31th Sunday Rite of the year

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service

《Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy》

【Entrance Part】

・Prelude (Silent Prayer)
"The Joy of Heaven"
(Hymnbook 21, No. 476)
Composed by Tomoaki Tsuchiya
・Greeting
・Hymn 21-472
・Opening Prayer
・Reading Psalms: Psalm12:1–8

【Worship of the Word】

・Scripture
✚ Proverbs 3:21–35
✚ Luke13:6–13
・Response Hymns 21-46
・Lecture　Pastor Takaaki Inoue
" The Woman with the Bent Back "
・Apostles' Creed

【Communion Worship】

・Consecration Hymns 21-72
・Prayer for the Departed (Litany)
・Peace Greetings
・Hymns21-83
・The Lord's Prayer
・The Supper

【Response, Dispatch, and Blessing】

・Hymn 21-390
・Offering of Thanksgiving
・Hymns of Glory　Hymns 21-24
・Words of Dispatch
・Prayer of Blessing
・Aftermath (Silent Prayer)
"Behold, All the World"
(Hymn No. 559, Hymnal 21)
Composed by G.W. Kasler

【Today's Worship Service】

・Assistant Presider: Hideo Okumiya
・Musician：Masako Iida
・Offering Collector：Seiko Yamachiyo
・Receptionist：Mayumi Sawada

【Today's schedule】

◇Church school (9:30 a.m.)
・Talk：Mariko Inoue
◇Hymn Practice (after the service)
◇Joint Prayer Meeting
◇Regular Board Meeting (1:00 p.m.)

【Information on this week's church meetings】

◇Morning Prayer
・November 5 (Thu) at 9:00 a.m.
・November 6 (Fri) at 9:00 a.m.
❊ We will clean the church after the prayer meeting.
◇Prayer Meeting in English
・November 5 (Thu) at 7:30 p.m.

【Information on next Sunday】

◇Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
・Talk：Mayumi Sawada
◇Sunday Morning Service
November8（10:30 a.m.)
・Scripture
✚ Hebrews 9:17–22　✚ Luke 22:14–20
・Sermon: Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"The Blood of the Covenant"
・Hymn 21　79, 46, 77
・Reading Psalms：Psalm 13:1–
・Assistant Presider:Hitoshi Katsumi
・Musician：Sachie Shikano
・Offering Collector: Marie Tone
・Receptionist: Masato Sawada
◇Hymn Practice (after the service)
◇Joint Prayer Meeting (after the service)
◇Evangelism Committee (after the service)

Scripture

「The gardener replied, 〝Master, please leave it as it is this year as well…If that still doesn〟t work, then please cut it down.〟」

(Luke12:10)

【Reports and personal disappearances】

①"Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week" : Monday, the 2nd: 9:30 a.m., "Omiya Daycare Center Birthday Party"; 1:00 p.m., "Staff Lunchtime Worship Service"; Tuesday, the 3rd (holiday): "Grave-Side Worship Service"; Wednesday, the 4th: 2:00 p.m., "Osaka YWCA Bible Study Group"

②《Church Events Schedule for November》

■November 1 (Sun) 1:00 p.m. "Regular Board Meeting"

■ November 3 (Tue, Holiday) " Grave-Side Service" (Osaka Memorial Park). Meet at the church; we'll carpool there. Please bring your own packed lunch.

■November 8 (Sun) "Evangelism Committee" meeting after the service

■November 22 (Sun): "Harvest Thanksgiving Service"; "Hot Pot Party" after the service. Please bring one item of vegetables or fruit from home.

■November 29 (Sun): "Advent Service"; 2:00 PM "Christmas Church Concert." Guest: Mihoko Yasuda (hymn singer, member of Senri Seiai Church). Admission is free. Please invite your family and friends.

③【Last week's meeting statistics】

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
25	Church chool	—	1	6	7	¥2,350
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
25	Morning Service	7	12	3	22	¥15,150
27	Morning praye	1	4	—	5	
28	Morning praye	1	3	—	4	
30	Morning praye	4	5	—	9	

④【Donation Report for October 25】

[Gratitude] Kimiko Kobuchi (Total: 10,000 yen)

⑤To support the homeless, we would appreciate donations of new men's T-shirts and pants (sizes M–L). We would also appreciate donations of cup noodles and cup rice meals.

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↘Since Christianity comes from God, it is able to save us completely. Let us believe in the Bible, the creeds, and the Church—which are the work of the Holy Spirit—and become those who bear abundant fruit.

【Continuation of last week's sermon summary】

↘If you reject Christ and say, "I am not one of Jesus' followers," you will not be allowed into the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter said, "I do not know you," three times in the high priest's courtyard, but he was forgiven because that was before he received the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it is said, "Everyone who speaks against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. " (12:10). A house where a famous person has stayed is respected simply for that reason. The great God, Christ, dwells within each of us. Let us not boast of our own righteousness, but rather boast in the Lord Christ, saying, "I am a sinner. Yet the Lord has chosen and loved even one as sinful as I am, made me part of His body, and used me as a vessel to proclaim Him."

❸【What Does It Mean to Blaspheme Against the Holy Spirit?】 "Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven." (Luke 12:10) Blasphemy means "to violate and defile what is sacred; to grossly disregard that which deserves respect." Those who, having been illuminated by the light of the Holy Spirit and having experienced the work of salvation, nevertheless cast it aside to run after idols (apostasy) and despise the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit have effectively rejected their final salvation. No Savior will be sent again. Such a person will never be saved. (Hebrews 6:4–8) Anyone who does not read the Bible as the Word of God is a blasphemer against the Holy Spirit. For it is written, "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). Furthermore, those who mock the creeds are blasphemers against the Holy Spirit. "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essential requirements: " (Acts 15:28) This was the resolution of the First Ecumenical Council. The Church is the one that possesses the "sacred tradition" that comes from God. Any church that disregards the Bible and the Church's tradition will surely lose its life and fade away. ↖