

All the sessions below will have simultaneous interpretation in English and German. Please pick up a receiver at the door of the lecture theatre.

## **Abstracts**

***August 2nd, Thurs, 20:15-21:30: Opening Service, Rev. Jaehun Park***

***“Christian Transformation and Growth with the Lord” (Psalm 23:1-6)***

The question of Christian transformation and growth in faith is a question of one’s relationship with Jesus Christ. Psalm 23 describes the relationship between God and a Christian as well as the process in which it gets transformed and deepened. Through this Psalm, let us reflect on what it means for a Christian to get transformed and to grow in faith.

1. The power for Christian transformation and growth in faith comes from the hope which stands firmly in the midst of suffering and simply seeks contentment in our Lord (Hebrew 12:1). Without such steady hope rooted in the Lord, we will never experience Christian transformation and growth in faith.

2. Christian transformation and growth in faith is a matter of choice and a gradual process. We can travel from a green meadow to the valley of death. We have to be brave enough to stand before our enemy in order to grow in faith.

3. The purpose of Christian transformation and growth in faith is to stay in the presence of God and in His grace. Let us change everything in our lives to grow in faith in order to win Christ and to live in the house of God forever!

***August 3rd, Fri, 9:15-10:15am: Session 1, Prof. Takamitsu Muraoka***

***“Old and New” (Romans 12:1-2, Revelation 22:18-19, Hebrews 13:8)***

At our last meeting we reflected on the fundamental change the church went through five centuries ago. Our belief was radically renewed. But is that alright? If our belief has to change, how should it change? What are the criteria for introducing such a change? Is the Apostolic Creed recited at our worship services up for a revision? Whoever adds to or deletes from the Bible is condemned (Rev. 20:18-19). The same Scripture can be interpreted in more than one way. Hence the post-reformation emergence of multiple denominations. A biblical verse which you knew by heart over donkey’s years might one day be discovered to have a totally new meaning you haven’t dreamed of.

Some people are ever after the latest update just like Athenians of Paul's time. Others find it daunting to catch up and learn a new system from scratch. Changes by themselves are not valuable or essential. But there are times when we need to change and it's God's will in order for us to grow and mature.

***August 3rd, Fri, 20:15-21:15: Session 2, Rev. Hiroshi Yabuki***

***“The Message of the Cross is the Power of God” (1 Cor. 1:18-25)***

I will talk about the centre of Christian transformation and growth in faith, namely, the Cross. As described in the passage (1 Cor. 1:18-25), the Corinthian Church, which was established among the wisdom-seeking Greeks, was facing a crisis. That is, they almost failed to preach the Gospel because of the challenges they had. The Church today is also experiencing a similar crisis. Paul encourages us to keep on preaching the message of the Cross and face the serious challenges which could deprive the Church of its life. I will mainly talk about the message of the Cross as the Power of God and the Church's mission of preaching the Gospel.

***August 4th, Sat, 9:15-10:15 am: Session 3, Rev. Yasushi Kawakami***

***“The Source of the Christian's Transformation and Growth in Faith: Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:1-4; 1 Cor. 12:7, 12, 27, 31; 13:13, John 13:34-35)***

I. The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God who fills the Christian with thoughts of God (Acts 2:1-4)

a. What it means “to be filled with the Holy Spirit” (2:1, 2:4)

b. The place “to be filled with the Holy Spirit”

- time (2:1)

-place (2:2)

-people(2:4)

II. The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God who gives the Christian spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12, 13)

a. The reasons why we are given spiritual gifts (12:7)

b. What is formed by the spiritual gifts(12:12,27)

c. What is produced from the spiritual gifts (12:31,13:13)

III. The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God who encourages the Christian to perform acts of love (John 13: 34-35)

a. The New Command (13:34)

b. The Raison d'être of the Church (13:35)

***August 4th, Sat, 20:15-21:30: Night of Worship, Rev. Nobuyuki Uchimura***

***“The Secular Culture and the Christian's Transformation and Growth in Faith” (Mark 14:3-11)***

How can a Christian try to grow in faith? We can examine a change in the values: the attitude toward wealth, for example. We can measure a Christian's growth in faith by examining whether they are trying to “give” rather than to “receive.” Jesus Christ Himself said, “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” The Word of God teaches us the values different from those of the world. However, how seriously do we take these teachings and put them into practice? Let us reflect on this point through Mark 14:3-11, which tells the episode of a woman who broke an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume made of pure nard and poured the perfume on Jesus's head.

***August 5th, Sun, 10:00-11:30am: Sunday Service, Rev. Kitsutaro Kawai***

***“Respond to God's Expectations” (Philemon 1-25)***

1. No human being can be changed for the better without God.
2. Does it mean that anyone is guaranteed to be changed for the better if they believe in salvation by God and His existence?
3. Even those who are originally good can fail and become useless.
4. In such cases, someone might intervene
5. God is interested in us and expects from us
6. As Christians, we should try to respond to God's expectations

## **Morning Prayers (7:00-7:45am)**

### ***August 3rd, Friday. “The purpose of the Bible” (2 Timothy 3:14-17, Acts 20:32) by Rev. Hiroyuki Ando***

Introduction: The Bible is essential for the transformation and growth of Christians. What specific role does it play? (II Timothy 3:14)

Thesis 1: The Bible gives us salvation through faith (II Timothy 3:15). If we suppose that the Christian transformation means to be transformed into a Christian, it means that the sinner is saved from its consequence (judgment). The Bible gives us salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Thesis 2: The Bible equips the believer for good works (II Timothy 3:16-17). The one who has been transformed into a Christian is supposed to grow daily to become an image of Christ. The Bible is the food and the compass for such growth.

Thesis 3: The Bible lets us inherit the Kingdom of Heaven (Acts 20:32). The Bible leads a Christian to the ultimate destination, the Kingdom of Heaven. The directions of our lives are determined by whether we let ourselves be guided by the Bible or not.

Conclusion: The Bible is our signpost. Let us walk with the Bible throughout our lives.

### ***August 4th, Saturday. “To Bear Much Fruit” (John 15:1-17) by Rev. Yasushi Asano***

In this passage, God the Father is portrayed as the keeper of the vineyard, Christ as the vine, and Christians as the branches. The sole purpose of the branches of the vine is to bear much fruit. If the branches do not fulfill this purpose, they get thrown away.

Like the branches, Christians cannot bear fruit on their own. Just as the branches can bear fruit only when they are connected to the vine, Christians can bear fruit only when they remain in Christ, the true vine. That is, Christians bear much fruit, when they live in close fellowship with Christ, observe His commandments, and love one another.

For this purpose, prayer is essential. When Christians remain in Christ and walk with the Word, their prayers will be answered and they will bear much fruit.

Then, they will be filled with joy and God will be glorified. Let us pray so that we will be filled with joy and God's glory will be manifested!

***August 5th, Sunday. "Worship" (Romans 12:1) by Rev. Shinil Son***

*Romans 12:1: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

Worship here means to worship God. Why do we worship God? We worship God the Creator, because we fear Him. We worship God of grace, because we want to thank Him. We worship God the Savior, because we want to praise His name.

The Church of the Lord worships on Sunday. We gather, praise God's name, give thanks, pray, listen to the Word of God, and receive blessings.

The Protestant worship especially focuses on the Word of God. Listening to the Word of God is at the centre of worship. We are convinced that the Word of God has the power to transform us and let us grow. However, unless we let the Word of God become our flesh and blood, we cannot expect real transformation or growth.

We have to remember that the essence of worship is "sacrifice" in order to be transformed and to grow. Let us listen to Paul's admonition and reflect on what it means to "offer our bodies as a living sacrifice," while remembering that the true worship is devotion to God and the Christians' transformation and growth has to be supported by such devotion.

**Special Sessions**

**1. August 3rd, Fri. 17:40-18:10:** Q&A session for "SLIM@Israel" and Milk (textbook for Bible study) presented by "Servant Leaders in Ministry" (SLIM).

**2. August 3rd, Fri. 18:15-18:45:** Marriage Seminar by Rev. Jaehun Park. He will answer your questions concerning love & marriage.

**3. August 4th, Sat. 14:00-14:50:** "John Knox and the World He Lived in" by Rev. Hiroshi Ogawa

- Introduction
- The Reformers in the 15-16th century Europe
- the 16th-century Scotland: Religious & political background

- Scottish Reformation I
- Conflicts among Scotland, England, and France
- Scottish Reformation II
- Political struggles
- Conclusion: “Here lies a man who neither flattered nor feared any flesh.”  
(uttered by Regent Morton at Knox’s graveside)

# Main Program

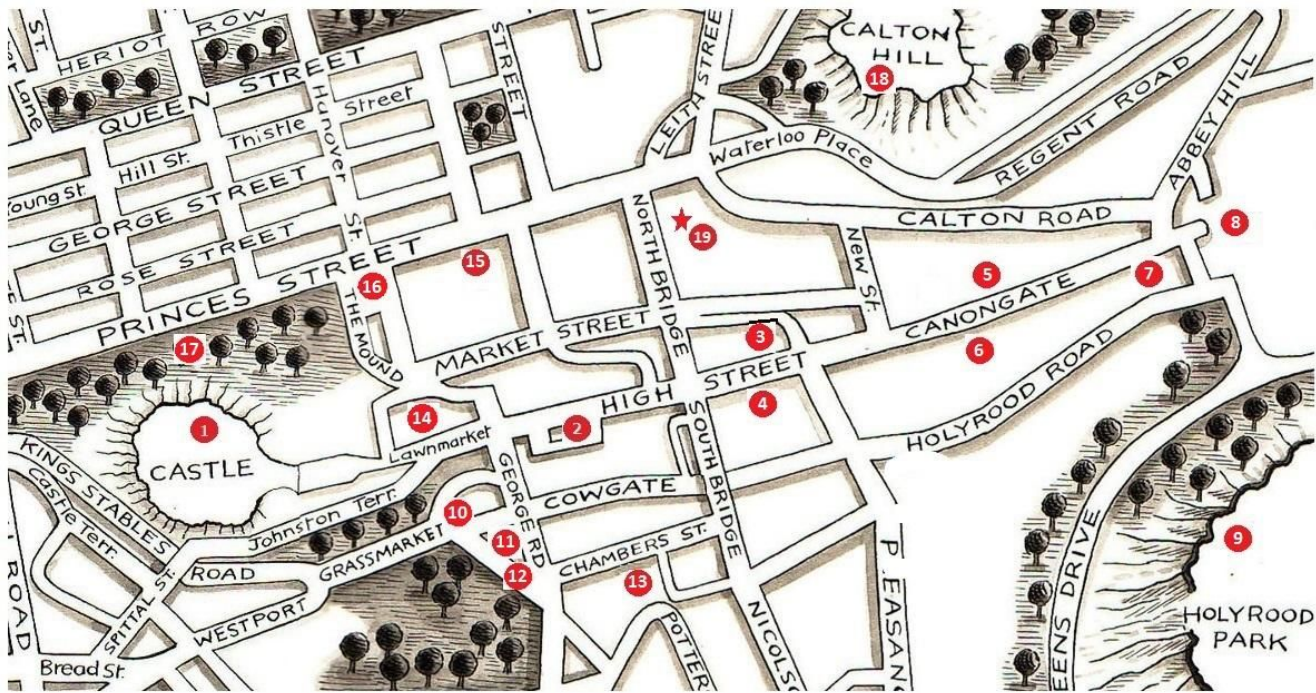
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1st day 2 (Thursday)		2nd day 3 (Friday)	
7:00		Morning Prayer 'The Purpose of the Bible' 7.00-7.45 Rev. Hiroyuki Ando	
7:30			
8:00		Breakfast 8.00-9.00 (Cafeteria)	
8:30			
9:00		Session1 'Old and New' 9.15 – 10.15 Prof. Takamitsu Muraoka	
9:30			
10:00			
10:30			
11:00		Small Group discussion 10.30-11.30 (See P.9)	
11:30			
12:00			
12:30		Lunch (Cafeteria) 12.00-13.00	
13:00			
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14:00		Sight seeing time Departure time is between 12.40 - 13.35 (See P.16)	
14:30			
15:00	Registration 14.00-		
15:30			
16:00			
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17:00	Mini Concert 17.00-17.30 (Lecture Theatre)	Free time 13.00-19.00	
17:30			
18:00	Orientation 17.40-18.45 (Lecture Theatre)		
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19:00	Dinner (Cafeteria) 19.00-20.00	Dinner (Cafeteria) 19.00-20.00	
19:30			
20:00	Opening Service 'Christian Transformation and Groth With the Lord' 20.15-21.30 Rev.Jaehun Park	Session2 'The Message of the Cross is the Power of God' 20.15-21.15 Rev. Hiroshi Yabuki	
20:30			
21:00			
21:30		Leaders meeting (Lecture theatre) 21.30-22.30	
22:00			
22:30			

# Main Program

3rd day 4 (Saturday)		4th day 5 (Sunday)
7:00	Morning Prayer 'To Bear Much Fruit' 7.00-7.45	Morning Prayer 'Worship' 7.00-7.45
7:30	Rev. Yasushi Asano	Rev. Shinil Son
8:00	Breakfast (Cafeteria) 8.00-9.00	Breakfast (Cafeteria) 8.00-9.00
8:30		
9:00	Session 3 'The Source of the Christian's Transformation and Growth in Faith: Holy Spirit'	Check-out 9.00-9.45
9:30	9.15 - 10.15	
10:00	Rev. Yasushi Kawakami	Sunday Service
10:30		'Respond to God's Expectations' 10.00-11.30 Rev. Katsutarō Kawai
11:00	Small Group discussion 10.30-11.30	Introduction to Tsudoi 2019 11.30-11.45
11:30		
12:00	Lunch (Cafeteria) 12.00-13.00	Lunch (Cafeteria) 12.00-13.00
12:30	Group photo 13.20-13.30	See you next year!
13:00		
13:30		
14:00	Special Session 3 14:00 'John Knox and the World He lived in'	<b>Bus to Airport departs at 13.30 sharply.</b>
14:30	Rev. Hiroshi Ogawa	
15:00	Special Session 4 15:00 'Seminar for returnees'	
15:30	Rev. Motoo Yokoyama Rev. Yoshie Yokoyama	
16:00		
16:30	Group leader meeting (extra) (Lecture Theatre) 16.00-18.00	
17:00		
17:30		
18:00	Free time until 19.00	
18:30		
19:00	Dinner (Cafeteria) 19.00-20.00	
19:30		
20:00	Night of Worship 20.15-21.30	
20:30	Testimony by Ms. Yuko Takahashi 'The Secular Culture and the Christian's transformation and Growth in Faith'	
21:00	Rev. Nobuyuki Uchimura	
21:30		
22:00	Ceilidh (Cafeteria) 21.45-23.00	
22:30		





1. **Edinburgh Castle:** Land mark of Edinburgh, An 11th-century castle
2. **St. Giles' Church:** Grand, Gothic medieval building and Presbyterian place of worship where John Knox used to preach.
3. **John Knox House:** This house is reputed to have been owned and lived in by Protestant reformer John Knox during the 16th century.
4. **Childhood Museum:** 18th-century buildings housing toy and games collections, exhibitions, puppet theatre and gift shop.
5. **Canon Gate Kirk:** 17th-century Presbyterian church and burial place of eminent Scots
6. **Museum of Edinburgh:** Reproductions of the city's social and industrial history in a cluster of fine historic buildings.
7. **Scottish Parliament:** Curves and angles line this bold modern building with oak and granite interior, plus guided tours.
8. **Palace of Holyrood House:** The 16th-century palace of the Stuarts, with tours of royal reception rooms, antiques and relics.
9. **Holyrood Park:** Parkland around the slopes and crags of Arthur's Seat, with walking and cycling paths and a loch.
10. **Grass Market:** Shopping and Historical place. Martyrs' Memorial, a significant monument to those who lost their lives for their faith. Remembering the Covenanters from the 1600's.

11. **Elephant House(Harry Potter):** The café is known as the place of Harry Potter written
12. **Greyfriars Bobby Memorial Statue:** Small representation of a Bobby dog, nice place for a lovely story
13. **National Museum of Scotland:** Bright modern museum housing Scottish industrial history relics, natural history displays and cafe.
14. **Edinburgh New College:** Beautiful and stunning architecture. The most brave Scottish man Knox Statue
15. **Scott Monument:** Spirelike Victorian memorial in honour of the writer Sir Walter Scott, with 287 steps to the top.
16. **Scottish National Gallery:** National collection includes European masterpieces and Scottish works, with seasonal exhibitions. A small museum, but it has a nice layout and collections of pieces.
17. **Princes Street Garden:** Lovely peaceful place to walk and Beautiful flowers and Statues.
18. **Calton Hill:** The views from Calton Hill are beautiful and at the top there are many things to see excellent scenery around Edinburgh! There is a nice nature walk, as well as a few monuments.
19. **Edinburgh Waverly Station:** Going to QMU!!

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### Buildings

- 1 Main Academic Building
- A Main Entrance & Reception
- 2 Sports Centre & Student Union
- 3 Student Residences
- B Accommodation Reception Entrance
- 4 Bin Store & Bike Shed

### Transport & Access

- 5 Public Vehicular Access from A1
- 6 Car Park
- 7 Bus Stops
- 8 Musselburgh Train Station
- 9 Bus and Emergency Service Access Only
- 10 Service Delivery Bay
- Student Residences Fire Assembly Point