

From the editor

For this issue you will find the very special message given by Pastor Peter at the Otsu Summer Retreat 2008, just before the *Church of the Wind* was built.

Now the new time has come! The *Church of the Wind* is built also in each one of us as hope to all nations.

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! (Psalm 117:1)

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## Worship Making Heaven and Earth One

Message at 2008 Otsu Retreat

Peter

The New Testament has the words “fellowship of the Holy Spirit,” and the Apostles’ Creed “communion of saints.” Fellowship is *koinonia* in Greek.

The true meaning of the “communion of saints” is revealed to us now. When we worship Christ, not only we on earth but those in heaven worship Christ. Such a time has arrived.

The *Church of the Wind* is prepared as such a place of worship by the Lord. It is not the first time that we say those on earth worship together with those in heaven, but tonight we declare this truth to the whole world.

On this 28th day of August, 2008, keep this in mind: The time has come for us to worship Christ with those in heaven. We have entered a new dimension, which no church on earth could ever have declared.

On this night of August 28, 2008, do not forget this: We have entered a very new epoch. We worship the Lord in

spirit and truth. In other words, we worship in the *Heavenly Praise* and in the truth of redemption.

The *Heavenly Praise* has drifted ashore. It is the revelation of redemption by Christ Jesus. It is the time for us to worship in spirit and truth. Now is the time.

You are created to worship Christ in spirit and truth. When you face the Lord believing in the *Heavenly Praise* and the truth of redemption, you will say from your innermost, "I am created for this." Surely you will so confess.

Those who returned to heaven, including your father and your mother, too want to worship at the *Church of the Wind*. The heaven echoes so to us.

Can you see the *Church of the Wind* standing not only in the Ashiya Shore but also in you? Can you see the Tower of the Wind standing in the midst of your house church gathering? We have entered a new time.

The earthly time is August 28, 2008. In three months, the *Church of the Wind* will make its appearance. The *Church of the Wind*, however, is already standing within you when you praise in spirit and truth. Here, the whole mystery of the Lord's redemption is revealed. The Lord has been waiting for this time when the whole redemption is revealed. I too have been waiting for this time to come for a long long time.

This time is here. Why are you and I chosen and allowed to see the deepest mystery of God's divine plan which all humans and the saints have longed to see for ages? I am just grateful to God.

A Samaritan woman met a mysterious man by a well (John 4:5-30). He told her that the time would come when the true worshipers would worship in spirit and truth. Now is the

time. He says to us, "I have been waiting for this time."

What existed from the eternal beginning climaxed at the hill of Calvary, and it is now in the end time revealed by the *Church of the Wind*. To rejoice in the redemption with those in heaven is to give the purest worship. We worship the Lord in the purest form, not for the healing of earth nor for the joy of heaven. As the ripple effects, the earth is healed and the heaven is filled with great joy, but the worship which heaven and earth offer together is entirely new worship in spirit and truth. It is the worship for the sake of worship.

The whole time is capsulated in this worship. The entire history and existence of heaven and earth is capsulated in this new worship where the boundary between the earthly time and the eternal time is removed. We rejoice in the fellowship (koinonia in Greek) of the Holy Spirit in the Lord with all His creation.

At last the time has come. Lord, thank You very much. I thank You from my heart. When the foundation of Your temple, the *Church of the Wind* was laid, we were delighted, and heaven was filled with jubilation.

Those in heaven and those on earth,  
praise Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.  
This is the desire of God the Father,  
the prayer of the Son  
and the intercession of the Holy Spirit.  
May Glory be to God forever and ever. Amen

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