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Second Sunday After Pentecost
11 June 2023
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(*: Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Lead Me Lord"

– Composer: S.S Wesley

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN** "I Will Give Thanks to Thee"

- Composer: Brent Chambers

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord, have mercy)

–Trad Orthodox Chant

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

HYMN "Come as You Are"

– Composer : D Brown

SCRIPTURE READING

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet.

A light to our path.

Hosea 5:15-6:6 (O.T.)

Matthew 9:9-13 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN** "One More Step"

– Composer: S. B. Carter

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "Go and Learn"

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "Bless The Lord"

– Taizé Community

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** "The Summons"

– Music: Trad; Words: G Maule and J Bell

* **COMMISSION** "Thuma Mina"

– Music: Trad

BLESSING

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

God does nothing except in response to believing prayer. – John Wesley

- As wildfires continue to rage in Canada, people in North America have been advised to wear N95 masks outdoors due to poor air quality caused by smoke. Much of the smoke is coming from Quebec, where they declare this the worst fire season on record. Thousands of residents are expected to be forced to evacuate in the province. A similar warning has been issued in New York City warning New Yorkers to don facemasks when travelling in the city. We pray for those fighting the fires for their safety and success in their task, seeking a sense of peace for those facing the possibility of evacuating homes and property and protection for the wildlife in those most affected areas.
- An earthquake with a magnitude of 4.9 has hit the Haitian city of Jérémie, causing at least three deaths, just days after torrential rains displaced 13,000 people and claimed at least 42 lives. Haitian Authorities had in operation recovery plans dealing with the flooding when the quake hit. The World Food Programme is providing Emergency Humanitarian aid to those displaced. May God strengthen the people who seek to claw back what they can from the double disaster.
- After years of imprisonment, Iran has released two Austrian nationals and a Danish national. The release of the three men is part of a deal between Iran and European Union members. May the Lord bless their homecoming and reunions with family and friends, and may the governments of these men provide for their needs medically and psychologically.
- Police in Ghana have been fined for failing to release information over alleged brutality in compliance with a directive issued by the Right to Information Commission. The Police force has often come under severe criticism over brutality and rights abuse against individuals and groups. Though the fine to be paid is not so high, we thank God that some sign of justice is being carried out against those charged.
- A dam in Russian-controlled Nova Kakhovka was breached in the early hours of Tuesday. The waters of the dam have led to mass evacuations. Up to 30 towns and villages along the river have been flooded, and fears that landmines dislodged by the floods may further cause destruction and fatalities are increasingly tangible. The dam provides water and irrigation for vast swathes of prime arable land. Both sides in the ongoing conflict blame each other for the breach. May the Lord protect those facing the flood waters, and may the damage to the dam be contained as the waters recede, allowing for repair.
- The Australian government has announced a national ban on Nazi symbols in an effort to crack down on Far Right groups. All public displays of swastikas or emblems of the SS will be punishable by up to a year in prison. We pray this action may indeed quell the growth of far-right groups using such symbols to aggravate and cause pain to those seeing them.

- HK Authorities have shared that those eligible for healthcare vouchers can merge their balance with their spouse if they are married. This will give greater credit to the couple for healthcare. This is a good move, especially for those whose partner has greater health needs; pray for its success.
- Last week in Hong Kong, several people were detained by police as they sought to commemorate the June 4 crackdown. Others were detained and questioned for wearing black in the streets. Though we could not gather and commemorate this important day in the history of democracy, many worldwide did. Let us remember those worldwide who willingly have given their lives for the democratic cause and those who continue to carry the torch.
- As temperatures rise in our city, let us remember in our prayers those who endure this heat day and night, those have no provisions to keep cool and those who may have the appliances but can not afford to use them.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Botswana and Zimbabwe.

We are **thankful** for:

- the prophetic witness of churches to protest injustices and advocate good governance
- efforts that have been made to stem the spread of HIV and AIDS and to treat those affected
- economic progress that improves the lives of all
- the iconic animals and minerals in these lands and measures to protect them from exploitation.

We **pray** for:

- fair election of democratic governments to counter instability, violence and human rights abuses
- stable economies that enable all people to prosper and live in justice and peace
- effective measures to improve the health and life expectancy of all
- the biodiversity and animals present in these lands and measures to preserve them
- the herders and farmers who continue to raise cattle and food, despite droughts and desertification.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Alex Melwani, Sunita Suna and Helen Lee's mothers, Mrs Samuel, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ana and Ramon Bultron, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Joy Babasa, Kwok Fong Nong and Jackie Tse. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today a warm welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. Thank you Judy for sharing the Word of God with us this morning. Please join us for coffee and tea in the Lower Fellowship Hall after worship.

This Week's Programs in Church

- Sunday - Early Morning Bible Study at 9 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall
Council Meeting at 1:00 pm Upper Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship at 10 am in number 2 Jordan Road
- Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00 pm
- Friday - Junior Choir at 5:00 pm

Pastor Phyllis

Our Pastor is on the final week of her annual leave. We pray that with all the travelling, she has found time to relax and renew her energy for her return; we pray for a safe journey back and look forward to welcoming Pastor Phyllis and Tong. Should you have any pastoral needs, please get in touch with Pastor Maggie or the Church office.

Date for your Diary

The Great KUC Quiz 2023

Form a team of four people and enrol your team for the 'Cranial Challenge' of the Year in KUC!

Young, not so young and in between, all are welcome!

Click on the QR code to register.



Date: Sunday 18 June 2023

Time 1:00 pm

Venue: Upper Fellowship Hall

	TODAY 11 June	NEXT WEEK 18 June
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Sunita Suna
Preacher:	Judy Chan	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist:	Eva Kwan	Joshua Pang
Lector:	Journaliz Badon	Harry Chan
Intercessory Prayers:	John Mok-Lamme	Peter Youngblood
Family Talk:	Chan Beng Seng	Maggie Mathieson
Greeter:	Edwina Antonio Rachel Wangari	Lucy Lim Stephanie Mumbi
Offering Rota:	Kulwinder Kaur Lakshmi Kaur	Daddy Susan Babasa
Counting Rota	Edwina Antonio Rey Asis	Paul Wong Sunita Suna
Sunday School Leaders:	Mary Adesina	Mary Adesina
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai Bervinder Kaur	Jen Pang Bervinder Kaur
Freewill offering last week: HK\$2,982.50 - Promissory offering last week: HK\$8,500- Organic Farm: HK\$220-		