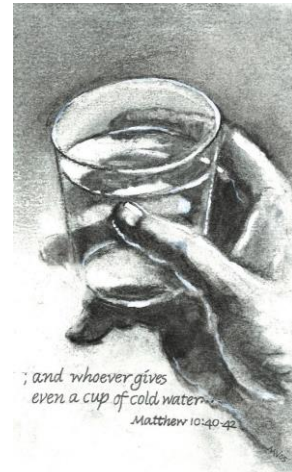


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## **Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

**2 July 2023**

**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion Sunday**

(\*: Congregation Stands)

### **APPROACH**

**SONG OF PREPARATION** "Bless The Lord"

– Taizé Community

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN** "Be Still for the Presence of the Lord"

– Composer: D J. Evans

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

– Traditional Orthodox

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

\* **HYMN** "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

– Music/Words: Edith McNeill

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Psalm 13 (O.T.)

Matthew 10: 40 – 42 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for Your glory.**

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON** 'Just One Cup...'

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## THE OFFERTORY

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**ALL RESPOND** “O Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

– Composer: Taizé Community

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**THE PEACE**

\* **HYMN** “Bread Of Life From Heaven”

Music: M Haugen; Words: S. Briehl

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SANCTUS**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

\* **HYMN** “Community of Christ”

– Music: Leoni; Words: S E Murray

\* **COMMISSION**

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## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

- As Pride month ends worldwide, LGBT groups in China cannot celebrate large-scale events for another year. Small low-key events happened throughout the country. Organisers are fearful of possible arrests if public events were promoted. Many LGBT support groups in the country have had to close their offices. We remember those in this community in China and pray they can source the support they need without fear.
- Under Benjamin Netanyahu's leadership, the Israeli government has advanced plans for some 5,700 new homes in the occupied West Bank. This brings the number of advanced homes in the territory to 13,000 in the last six months on land that does not belong to the Israeli people. As the world strives to create peace between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples, this action destroys any chance of this happening. Pray for justice in the Holy Land.
- Though yet another ceasefire was called for the people of Sudan to celebrate Eid, there were none of the usual celebrations seen on the streets of Khartoum state as gunfire and artillery shells continued to fill the air with noise. The streets, which would typically be buzzing with activity, stand empty as many are afraid to join in the public events of the Holy Day, including the call to public prayer. Let us pray for peace in that land and all other areas where the familiar sound of the day is the shot of a gun or artillery fire.

- An Indian court's recent verdict that significantly expands homemakers' rights over their husband's property is a positive sign for women in the country. The Madras high court - in the southern state of Tamil Nadu - passed a verdict in a domestic dispute case that allowed a housewife equal share in her husband's property. Though this is hailed as the first in the country, the verdict is only binding in the state of Tamil Nadu. It would also require the country's Supreme Court to accept and promote the move for the whole country to benefit from this ruling. May it be so that women in the country are given equal rights in marriage, property, and possessions.
- Australia's cyber watchdog has served a legal notice to Twitter demanding an explanation after one-third of all complaints received by the watchdog concerned online posts promoting hate and racial slurs. Social Media platforms are incredibly influential in today's society. Many are for the good, others the not so good. May this action by the Australian cyber watchdog team push other platforms and country leaders to be more mindful of the monitoring systems in place.
- This week, HK Chief Executive John Lee announced that the 59-strong government rescue team sent to Turkey/Syria after the devastating Earthquake in February will be the first recipients of the Chief Executive's Award for Exemplary Performance. The team faced many challenges during the time of the disaster, working in very volatile situations. We thank God that some individuals have taken up the call to serve the people of Hong Kong and the world in this unique way.

### **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda.

We are **thankful** for:

- how the churches in Sudan and South Sudan, as well as Ecumenical Network Sudan, have consistently pursued peace processes, healing and reconciliation in these war-ravaged countries
- those who work to bring justice for the victims of genocide and war crimes, including the International Criminal Court
- the many who carry out humanitarian work in these countries and who settle those who are displaced
- the economic progress and peacebuilding that has occurred in Uganda and for effective measures to curb the spread of HIV and AIDS.

We **pray** for:

- a cessation of ethnic animosities and violence and increased understanding between ethnic and religious groups
- an end to the rape and practices of genital mutilation of girls and women
- governments to respect the will and best interests of their people and the human rights of all
- natural resources to be preserved and the land saved from further desertification.

### **For the Congregation**

- We pray for Alex Melwani and Sunita Suna's mothers, Mrs Samuel, Holly Chui, Hend, James Kim, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ana and Ramon Bultron, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Poulis Zaki, Joy Babasa, and Jackie Tse. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- We congratulate our sisters and brothers of the UCCP-HK as they celebrate eight fruitful years of ministry in Hong Kong. May the Lord continually bless the community more and more.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today** a warm welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. Please join us for coffee and tea in the Lower Fellowship Hall after worship.

### **This Week's Programs in Church**

- Sunday - Human Café, Upper Fellowship Hall at 11:45 – 12:45 (after Worship)
- Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship will meet at 10 am in Number 2 Jordan Road
- Taizé Prayer Meeting, KUC Sanctuary at 7:30 pm
- Friday - Junior Choir, KUC at 5 pm

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **Sunday 16 July – Sunday Board Games!**

The Care and Fellowship committee invites you to join in playing Board Games. There will be a selection of games to choose from, and you are welcome to come and go as you please in the fun. The session will begin at 1:30 pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall.



### **VBS – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

#### **CONCRETE AND CRANES – BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION OF JESUS!**

What we need from you – first and foremost, we need your prayers for both those who will lead and the children who will join us. We would love to have you join the volunteers' team, be it for 1 hour, one day or the whole week 😊 We will also be looking for snacks and drinks for the children for the entire week – all donations are welcome 😊

Speak to Pastor Maggie if you want to know more.

**VBS Dates: 7 August through 11 August - Time: 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Venue: Lower Fellowship Hall - Ages: 6 – 11 years old**

**To register your child, please click on the QR code :**



	<b>TODAY 2 July</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 9 July</b>
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong	Wai Ji Sunday
Preacher:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Eva Kwan	Lucy Lim
Lector:	Ronald Chui	Wai Ji
Intercessory Prayers:	Robert Lam	Wai Ji
Family Talk:	Rey Asis	NO FAMILY TALK
Greeter:	Paul Wong David Onwufuju	Edwina Antonio Wai Ji
Offering Rota:	Kulwinder Kaur Lakshmi	Samjhana Thapa Wai Ji
Counting Rota	Jennifer Chan Rey Asis	Edwina Antonio Sunita Suna
Sunday School Leaders:	Mary Adesina	Mary Adesina Maggie Mathieson
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai Bervinder Kaur	Wai Ji Bervinder Kaur
Freewill offering last week: HK\$2,718.20 - Promissory offering last week: HK\$3,300-		