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**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**6 August 2023**  
**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Holy Communion Sunday**

(\*: Congregation Stands)

**APPROACH**

**SONG OF PREPARATION** "Be Still and Know "

– Music: Anon

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN** "Great and Deep the Spirit's Purpose"

– Music: W P Rowlands; Words: M Barrell

**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** "How Great Thou Art"

– Composer: C G Boberg; Translated: S Hine

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Psalm 145: 8 – 9, 14 – 21 (O.T.)

Matthew 14: 13 – 21 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON**

\* **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 ”**

– Composers: S Briehl and M Haugen

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SANCTUS**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**DISTRIBUTION POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\* HYMN “God in Your Grace ”**

– Music: P Harling; Words: S E Murray

**\* COMMISSION**

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## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

- During a five-day visit to Portugal, Pope Francis held private meetings with victims of clerical sexual abuse. It was recorded that nearly 5000 children had been abused, and the Church sought to conceal the issue, as has been the case in so many other countries. May the Lord bless those victims who are brave enough to speak out, and may they encourage all who have not spoken out and their loved ones.
- The situation remains tense after three days of violent clashes between Hindus and Muslims in the northern Indian state of Haryana. Six people were killed in the clashes, and many others were injured, leaving much damage to property and possessions. We pray for tolerance among the people and wise action by the government to stop the spread of hate, religious violence and misinformation which has caused so much suffering and loss.
- The latest reports have shown that the average waiting time for a public flat has remained the same; general applicants still are queuing up for 5.3 years on average. This is such a huge issue in our city. We hope the Government will work on this to give hope and make daily life easier for many.
- On Saturday, the Samaritan Befrienders released a report stating that the suicide rate in Hong Kong for 2022 was the highest in the past 15 years. About 60% of those who passed away were men, with half of the cases being elderly people aged 60 or above. In the days ahead, let us take time to reach out and acknowledge our neighbour. Our caring and even a smile or nod may make the difference for the one we meet.
- **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Equatorial Guinea.

We are **thankful** for:

- the natural resources and diverse gifts that come from these countries, such as the distinctive music and dance of Cameroon
- those who minister to victims of sexual violence, trafficking and other human rights abuses
- Christians and people of other faiths who courageously have pursued reconciliation and peace among those in conflict
- individuals and organizations who have provided for health clinics and schools in Cameroon and the Central African Republic.

We **pray** for:

- just resolutions to the conflicts and violence among diverse groups and their leaders
- refugees who flee to other countries, and for those who host them
- economic developments that make it possible for all to rise out of poverty
- stable democratic governments that effectively serve the common good.

### **For the Congregation**

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani and Sunita Suna and the father-in-law of Ms Candy. For Mrs Samuel, Holly Chui, Hend, James Kim, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ana and Ramon Bultron, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Poulis Zaki and Joy Babasa. 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, Pastor Phyllis, for sharing the Word of God with us. Please join us for coffee and tea in the Lower Fellowship Hall after worship.

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

Monday - VBS – Mon – Friday, Lower Fellowship Hall 1:30 – 4:00 pm  
Tuesday - Peacemaking Fellowship, Number 2 Jordan Road  
Wednesday - Harambe – 6:00 pm, KUC Sanctuary  
Sunday - Sunday Morning Bible Study, Upper Fellowship Hall, 9 am.

### **Unique Appeal – The Education Fund**

The Peacemaking Ministry is appealing for your support in prayers and donation of funds for children within the community. This year, our target is to raise HK\$ 20,000 - \$40,000. The money raised will be used to buy school books, uniforms, and shoes and covers non-refundable school fees for our children. No matter how large or small your donation, it will make a difference in a child's life. Thank you, and God bless!

### **Dates for your Diary**

**VBS – Vacation Bible School - BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION OF JESUS!**

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

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

Speak with Pastor Maggie if you need more information concerning the VBS. To register your child, please click on the QR code.



### **Sexuality and Spirituality Workshop #5:**

Topic: “Faith, Spirit, and LGBTQ+” Presented by: Christian Education Committee  
 A further exploration of the spirituality of physical pairing, focusing on LGBTQ+ experiences and perspectives. Click on the QR code for registration.



Date: Sat. 12 August Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
 Venue: Upper Fellowship Hall Facilitator: Dr Peter Youngblood

**Extraordinary General Meeting**

Date: Sunday, 13 August Time: 1:30 pm Venue: Lower Fellowship Hall

**Movie Sunday – Organised by Peacemaking Ministry & Mission, Outreach, Ecumenism Committee**

On this special Movie Sunday, we will screen “The Sunny Side of the Street”, a Hong Kong production telling the story of a Pakistani refugee boy and a local taxi driver. Peter Yam, the producer of this film, will come and join us for a Q & A, session after the screening!

You are welcome to join a simple lunch with the food prepared by refugees/asylum seekers. A minimum donation of HKD30 is recommended if you’re joining lunch. Please scan the QR code for details and registration, or contact Katie with any questions about the event.



**Date: 27/8 (Sunday)**

**Time: 12:30 pm to 1:20 pm Lunch, Upper Fellowship Hall**

**Movie Time: 1:30 to 4:30 pm, Lower Fellowship Hall**

	<b>TODAY 6 August</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 13 August</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Kyaw Oo/David Yan Kho Ling/David Than Naing/
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Rose Chue
Pianist:	Joshua Pang	Jensen Wong/Ngin Lam Cin
Lector:	Harry Chan	Ye Naing Oo/Saw Tha Shee
Intercessory Prayers:	Jensen Wong	
Family Talk:	Tong Chong Sze	Saw Tha Shee/Nu Ra/Sa Khaing Htoo
Greeter:	Paul Wong Susan Babasa	Edwina Antonio Emanuel Adesina
Offering Rota:	Rose Muiriri Ronald Chui	Samjhana Thapa Kenneth Ku
Counting Rota	Jennifer Chan Hope Antone	Edwina Antonio Paul Wong
Sunday School Leaders:	Mary Adesina	Mary Adesina
I.T. Team:	Jen Pang Bervinder Kaur	Venus Cheng Bervinder Kaur

Freewill offering last week: HK\$4119.50 -  
 Promissory offering last week: HK\$2,300-  
 Education Fund: HK\$19,600- Welfare Fund: HK\$5,000-