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7 August 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
Communion Sunday
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Be Still and Know” – Composer: Lee Herrington & Tom Fettke

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

–Music: Beach Spring Words: Robert L Edwards

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison” (Lord, have mercy)

– Music: Trad Orthodox

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”

– Composer: Rick Founds

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 33:12 - 22 (O.T.)

Luke 12:32 - 40 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

A TIME OF FAREWELL

SERMON

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “In The Lord”

– Music: Taizé Community

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

HYMN “Lord, How Can I Repay”

– Composer: John Glynn

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; Lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray

* COMMISSION and BLESSING

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- The Covid numbers here in Hong Kong remain high, with 4,547 new cases, 4,322 local infections and 226 imported cases, with four deaths announced mid-week. Hospital authorities are considering moving non-Covid patients to private hospitals to make way for more cases. We continuously pray for all involved in the treatment and care of those in need. Pray the Lord's blessing on those who have lost a loved one at this time.
- The World Bank has announced it would not offer new funding to Sri Lanka unless the bankrupt nation carried out “deep structural reforms” to stabilise its crashing economy. As the people struggle to survive in that land, we pray that those in power will take action to make this a possibility.
- Yemen's warring sides have agreed to renew a two-month truce which expired on Tuesday. The United Nations envoy has been seeking a longer extended period, but mistrust runs deep on both sides. However, this extension will allow the longest stretch of relative calm for over seven years. Blessed are the peacemakers who work and strive for peace. Pray in this time of peace that families may have the chance to be family.
- The first ship carrying Ukrainian grain set off from the port of Odesa on Monday. The ship is bound for Lebanon, and we pray it will be the first of many to address the growing food crisis in the world.
- The United Nations nuclear agency has issued warnings over the condition of the Zaporizhzhia Plant in Ukraine, stating that it is “completely out of control” and in need of a full inspection and repairs. If things continue to go on as they have been, the plant puts not only the Ukrainians and Russians at risk but could reach far in the world.
- Muslims on the Umrah Pilgrimage to Mecca can once again touch and kiss the Black Stone set in the sacred Kaaba building. Officials removed the barrier around the Kaaba, which was installed at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Let all who

participate in the Pilgrimage and engage in this ritual be blessed and do so with care and concern for those around them.

- Sixty years ago, the cheetah became extinct in India, but in the coming weeks, at least 16 cheetahs will be reintroduced to the country's ecosystem. The animals transported will come from South Africa and Namibia. So may they thrive in their new environment, and may the people of India offer the protection needed.
- Hong Kong's government's Dress Casual Friday scheme will start this week. The hopes that this scheme will encourage better work-life balance for all workers in Hong Kong are very high. May this be a positive beginning to heighten awareness for all workers.

For the Congregation

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani, Helen Lee and Florence Tse, for Mrs Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Chui, Ramon Bultron, Kevin Ng, Lucy Lim and Stella Chan. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- We thank God for the successful surgery of Ajmal Samuel and continue to remember him as he recovers.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming.

Weekly Programs in Church

Tuesday – Peacemaking Fellowship at 10:00 am (No. 2 Jordan Road)

Wednesday – Harambe Choir at 6:30 pm

Friday – Bible Study – online at 10:30 am
 – Junior Choir in KUC at 4:00 pm

Do you like to connect with people through letter writing?

If you do – why not join our letter-writing ministry and share a little joy with another? We write to ladies incarcerated in two of Hong Kong’s correctional facilities, sharing news of the ‘outside’ world and the Good News of the Gospel. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please talk to Pastor Maggie Mathieson.

Flowers in Church

If you would like to arrange the flowers in Church, please sign up on the Flower Chart on the Notice board.

Special Appeal – The Education Fund

The Peace-Making Ministry is appealing for your support in prayers and donation of funds for children within the community. Once again, this year, our target is to raise \$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. Please see the insert or the notice board for more details on how you can donate to this appeal.

Become a Member of Kowloon Union Church

New members can be received by transfer, bond of union, a restatement of faith, or baptism and interested in discussing this further? Have a word with our ministers, Phyllis Wong or Maggie Mathieson.

| | TODAY 7 August | NEXT WEEK 14 August |
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| Liturgist: | Maggie Mathieson | Maggie Mathieson |
| Preacher: | Phyllis Wong | Aimé Girimana |
| Pianist: | Ho Wai Kin | Lucy Lim |
| Lector: | Stanley Ho | Paul Wong |
| Intercessory Prayers: | Tory Caplan | Hope Antone |
| Family Talk: | Words of Farewell | Lydia Cathedral & Words of Farewell |
| Greeter: | Paul Wong plus others | Edwina Antonio plus others |
| Offering Rota: | Journaliz Badon Emmanuel Adesina | Guy Syrett Journaliz Badon |
| Counting Team | Edwina Antonio Jennifer Chan | Edwina Antonio Harry Chan |
| Sunday School Leaders: | Jailyn Tomitis | Lydia Cathedral |
| I.T. Team: | Chris Wong | Tong Chong Sze |

Last Sunday’s offering: HK\$4,812.30-
 Promissory offering last week: HK\$1,500-
 Education Fund: HK\$4,100-