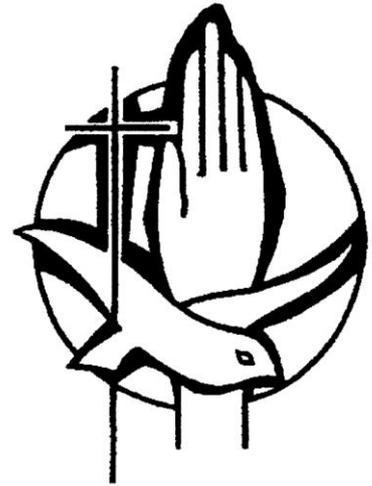


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**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**13 August 2023**  
**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**  
**(\*: Congregation Stands)**

### **APPROACH**

**PREPARATION SONG** "Be Still and Know" – Anon  
**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**  
**\* HYMN** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" – Composer: C Wesley  
**CALL TO CONFESSION**  
**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**ALL RESPOND** "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord, have mercy) – Trad. Orthodox  
**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

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

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Psalm 85: 8 - 13 (O.T.)

Romans 10: 5 - 15 (N.T.)

Matthew 14: 22 – 33 (N.T.) – Dramatic Reading

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

**PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM** - Piano

**FAMILY TALK** How many ways to say 'Hi.'

**SERMON** "Jesus is the Prince of Reconciliation"

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## THE OFFERTORY

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL RESPOND** "Bless The Lord"

– Taizé

**OFFERTORY**

**THE PEACE**

\* **HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision "

– Music: Slane; Words: D Forgaill

\* **COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

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### Concerns of the Church

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

- President Joe Biden has issued a "major disaster declaration" for the ongoing Hawaiian wildfires. Wildfires began on Tuesday and spread quickly, fuelled by winds from passing Hurricane Dora. Thousands have been evacuated, locals and tourists alike. The wildfires have devastated all in their path and claimed 53 lives, reported so far, though officials believe this figure will soon rise. As the flames grow smaller and are under control, we pray those involved in recovery, rescue and rebuilding are strengthened for the task. And may the Lord bring comfort to all who have lost loved ones.
- Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown has publically announced his objections to the Taliban's treatment of women and girls in Afghanistan as a "crime against humanity" and is calling on the International Criminal Court to prosecute those responsible for the "vicious" abuse of human rights. It is hoped for the sake of womankind that these cries for recognition and equality are heard and acted upon.
- Forty-one migrants have died in a shipwreck off the Italian island of Lampedusa. The ship travelled from Sfax in Tunisia; the four survivors reached Lampedusa on Wednesday. More than 1,800 people taking this route from North Africa to Europe have lost their lives so far this year. The numbers are so high, showing again how people are forced to risk their all to find that place of safety. Pray for all facing forced migration that a way will be opened for them.
- Let us be glad to read that the United Nations has negotiated with Syria to reopen the sole crossing for UN aid deliveries to its rebel-held north-west after weeks of impasse. This route is a lifeline to 4.1 million people dependent on aid. May God continue to keep conversations going that will enable this to remain so.
- Six policemen in the Philippines are facing criminal investigation over the fatal shooting of a teenager whom they had mistaken for a murder suspect. Jorhode Baltazar drowned after being shot in the head last Friday. Too many lives have been needlessly lost in this way in the Philippines. May God comfort the young man's family, and as his story is shared, may justice be served.
- As we all feel the heat these past few weeks, let us think and pray for those working daily under the sun's heat. Those with no shelter or means to keep cool, especially remembering the most vulnerable in our society.

- In their attempts to 'make our city more fun', the Hong Kong Government has been advised to engage the private sector in designing and managing its public playgrounds, amid criticism that currently most facilities are dull and characterless. Our children need this scheme to encourage them to be more active and utilise the facilities.
- **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger.

We are **thankful** for:

- the heritage of ancient trade routes, rich oral traditions and nomadic practices of people in the lands these countries now occupy
- humanitarian work to improve food security and livelihoods, especially for women
- pro-active efforts to preserve the environment in these desert lands
- welcome and provision for those who often must flee across borders.

We **pray** for:

- those impoverished who lack basic needs and rights, that these will be met
- desperate children and others who turn to crime or begging or become enslaved
- effective response to the frequent droughts and hunger in this area
- more stable political rule in these countries to stem violence and to provide for all.

### **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, Revd Bud Carroll, Hend, James Kim, Jeanette Lee, Kevin Ng, 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.
- We pray for the young people who flew to the Philippines this morning that their fact-finding trip will illuminate and fill their hearts with passion and purpose for the people of the land.
- We remember in prayer our Extraordinary General Meeting today for all who will attend and for all matters and voices to be heard.

### **Announcements**

**Today** a warm welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. Thank you, Rose Chue and Students from Lutheran Theological Seminary, for sharing the Word of God and leading us in Worship. Please join us for coffee and tea in the Lower Fellowship Hall after worship.

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

- Sunday - EGM at 1:30 pm in the Lower Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday - Peacemaking Fellowship, Number 2 Jordan Road, 10 am
- 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!

## 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 join us for a Q & A session after the screening!

You are welcome to join a simple lunch with 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 13 August</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 20 August</b>
Liturgist:	Kyaw Oo/David Yan Kho Ling/David Than Naing/	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Rose Chue	Revd Dr Ngeo Boon Lin
Pianist:	Jensen Wong/Ngin Lam Cin	Katie Ho
Lector:	Ye Naing Oo/Saw Tha Shee	Carol Yuen
Intercessory Prayers:	Maggie Mathieson	Venus Cheng
Family Talk:	Saw Tha Shee/Nu Ra/Sa Khaing Htoo	Rey Asis
Greeter:	Edwina Antonio Emmanuel Adesina	Kevin Ng Susan Babasa
Offering Rota:	Samjhana Thapa Kenneth Ku	Anjenette Bolanos Kulwinder Kaur
Counting Rota	Edwina Antonio Paul Wong	Rey Asis Ramon Bultron
Sunday School Leaders:	Mary Adesina, Phyllis Wong, Katie Ho.	Mary Adesina Maggie Mathieson
I.T. Team:	Venus Cheng Bervinder Kaur	Jen Pang Bervinder Kaur

Freewill offering last week: HK\$6545.50 -  
Promissory offering last week: HK\$6,200-  
Education Fund: HK\$38,800-