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“Where all are one”

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
30 August 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

SONG OF PREPARATION “He Knows My Name” – Composer Yirumi

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord”

– Lyrics and Music David J Evans

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “God Is Forgiveness” – Taizé Community

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “Be Exalted O God” – Lyrics and Music: Brent Chambers

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Exodus 3:1-15 (O.T.)

Psalm 26 (O.T.)

Matthew 16:21-28 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “Who Am I ?” – Lyrics: Mark Hall. Music: Casting Crowns

SERMON “What Is Your Name?”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in your own language)

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas” – Music: Taizé Community

A TIME OF OFFERING

* **SIGN OF PEACE**

* **HYMN** “The Summons” – Lyrics: John Bell. Music: Trad Scottish Folk
* **COMMISSION** “Thuma Mina” –Lyrics and Music: Trad South African, Zulu
BLESSING
RECESSIONAL

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*“The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.”
(Psalm 116:5)*

For the World and Hong Kong

- The Christchurch terrorist Brenton Tarrant, who attacked Al Noor Mosque and Linwood Islamic Centre in March 2019, was sentenced to life without parole last week. The attack killed 51 people and injured 40. Victims’ Statement was heard in the court. May their hearts be comforted by the prevail of justice. May the tragedy remind the people in New Zealand and all over the world that respect for life, dignity and equality for all regardless of race, religion and gender is essential for a peaceful world.
- We remember the US Presidential election in November. May the citizens elect the right leader who can bring unity, justice and peace to the nation and the world. Pray for people and animals who have been adversely affected and suffering from the wildfires in California.
- 24.3 million people throughout the world have contracted the coronavirus, the number of fatalities 7828,000 people with 15.9 million recovered as of 28 August. In Hong Kong, the total number of confirmed cases is 4,756 with 81 deaths from the virus and 4,200 recovered. Keep praying for healing and the vaccines to be ready for use soon. Remember the vulnerable, the poor, the medical staff and cleaners who are working in the forefront. May God’s mercy and provision be with those who suffer from the economic downturn due to Covid-19.
- It’s outrageous to hear the senior police officer wrongly re-interpret the violent attacks against ordinary citizens in 21 July 2019 (721 Violent Attack) as fighting incidents of two groups of people in conflict. It’s also absurd that the Legislative Councilor Lam Cheuk Ting was arrested for committing the crime of riot during the night when 721 Violent Attack occurred. Tomorrow, 31 August is another date that many people, especially the protestors, cannot let go because of the violent attacks by the police on protestors and ordinary citizens at the MTR train station in Prince Edward. The society at large should keep urging for the truth and justice. There is no real peace if there is no justice. There is no real reconciliation if there is no truth. May God’s justice prevail and comfort the angry.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo. We give thanks for the spiritual vitality and growth of

the churches and how they cooperate with each other and those of other faiths and practices. We pray for more democratic governments that are free of corruption and take people's interests as priority; for those working to alleviate the poverty, illiteracy and hunger; for churches faithfully serving to all people with greater respect for how other faiths express their spirituality; for emotional and physical healing, and restoring hope in people who are victims of conflict, disease and human rights abuses

For the Congregation

- Thank God for the good progress and spirit of Lucy. May God continue to heal and give her strength.
- We are grateful to see how God blesses our senior members during this challenging time. Glad too to meet with them in church or during our home visit last week. Mrs Samuel, Mrs Chang, Peter Chan and Judy Yui are all well and thankful to the congregation to pray and remember them.
- Pray for our sisters employed as domestic workers; members and friends working in medical settings. May God bless and protect them.
- We uphold our children and their parents in our heart as online classes at home in the new school term will bring them a lot of adjustment and challenges.
- Remember and pray for the needs of family members from our congregational members: healing of Linda's sister Tess who contracted coronavirus in the Philippines. Continue to uphold Pearl in our hearts as she is remembering her sister Jade in this time of loss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship through Facebook live streaming. Wherever you are, the love of God unites us as One, so we worship together in spirit and truth. A big thank you to our IT team who have been working so hard to improve the online system for our worship and those who lead the Service today.

Together We Stand Against COVID-19

We are glad that the number of confirmed cases has dropped and social distancing measures have been relaxed a little bit. But physical worship in church is still not yet resumed. We have to be patient and continue to have our Sunday Worship with Facebook streaming at 10:30 am. We will monitor the situation and will keep contact by different means. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with the church pastors and our church leaders if you or anyone you know of need help and prayers. Remember to take good care of yourself and your loved ones with good hygiene, good food, good rest, good exercise, and being a good neighbor to love and care for those around you that may need your help. **REMEMBER to PRAY and SMILE. Know that God who lives within and all around will guide and bless us always.**

HK National Security Law Talk Series

The second forum will be organized today at 1:30 pm. Ms Jane Hu, originally from Shanghai, now living in Hong Kong, doing a PhD in Cultural and Religious Studies Department of Chinese University, will be our speaker sharing her views and experiences on Chinese churches under the Communist Party Rule. The forum will go online. Congregational Members who have registered should receive the link to attend the talk.

Thursday Bible Study at 10:30 am

The Bible study is conducted online due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Please be in touch with Pastor Maggie if you would like to join.

KUC's COVID-19 Emergency Fund

The Church has set up this Fund to help people whose lives have been battered by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Fund is looked after by the Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee (MOE). In the past week, MOE has agreed to support to Kasimbayan in the Philippines and Christian Action in Hong Kong.

Thank you to Hong Kong Christian Council (HKCC)

With the funding from the Sharing and Church Witness Committee of HKCC, we are able to allocate funds to support five organizations in India and Malaysia: Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Love India, Need India Trust, Posco Pratirodh Sangram Samiti (PPSS) and Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia.

Appeal for Funding Support

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to create suffering and hardship for people in Hong Kong and around the world as people become infected with the disease and others lose their jobs and income. The MOE would like you to consider contributing part or all of the Hong Kong government's COVID-19 handout of \$10,000 to the church's COVID-19 Emergency Fund. MOE thanks those who have made donation for this Fund in the past weeks.

Donation/Offering to the Church

If you wish to make a donation/offering to the special appeal for Covid-19 Emergency Fund and to the church for our ministries, you may go to the link www.kuc.hk/giving for details.

	TODAY
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Timothy Chan
Pianist:	Han Inkyu
Lector:	Phyllis Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Carl Cathedral
I.T. Team	Lo Yuk Fai Carl Cathedral Bervinder Kaur