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**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
6 September 2020 at 10:30 a.m.**

(* : Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

SONG OF PREPARATION “Be Still And Know That I Am God”

– Writer: Paul Armstrong

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN** “We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

– Lyrics: John L. Bell. Tune: Ye Banks And Braes”

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** “Come And Find The Quiet Center”

– Lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray. Tune: Beach Spring

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Ezekiel 33:7-11 (O.T.)

Psalms 119:33-40 (O.T.)

Roman 13:8-10 (N.T.)

Matthew 18:15-20 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

SERMON “O Mortal, Speak Up and Be Love”

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas” (Where there is love and charity, God is there)
– Music: Taizé Community

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

HYMN “Gather the People” – Composer: Dan Schutte

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”

– Lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray, Tune: Leoni

* **COMMISSION and 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

- Keep praying for the world that is struggling with coronavirus. 26.2 million people throughout the world have contracted COVID-19, the number of fatalities 867,000 people with 17.4 million recovered as of 4 September. In Hong Kong, the total number of confirmed cases is 4,839 with 94 deaths from the virus and 4,431 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.
- The 19th Anniversary Commemoration on 9/11 Terrorist Attack in the United States is coming soon this week. Let us share our love and prayers with family members of 9/11 victims in this time of remembrance. Give thanks to God for life and those who risked their lives to save others. Pray for a world free from hatred and violence, and instead peace and unity to respect all lives regardless of race, religion, gender and political opinion. May families of victims receive adequate support in a time when the memorial event has to be adjusted due to COVID-19 health crisis.

- Remember the people and journalists in Belarus who have been encountering political unrest and violent attacks by the government.
- Carrie Lam's comments to support the Education Secretary, who said there was no division of power between the executive, legislature and judiciary, has given the City another shock. Hong Kong's professional body of barristers in particular has rejected the Chief Executive's claim that the city has no separation of powers, saying that such a stance is as at odds with the existing constitutional order. Pray for justice and our political leaders who should defend the legal system and constitutional order that could protect the interests of the people and avoid abuse of power by the authorities.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths of Ghana and Nigeria. We pray for those affected by violence and terrorism; church leaders to speak out courageously against injustices; just and peaceful relations between different ethnic groups and between Muslims and Christians; those who suffer from malnutrition and diseases such as malaria, HIV and AIDS; and better stewardship of the environment and natural resources.

For the Congregation

- Pray for members who are looking for accommodation. May they find a place and settle in their new home soon.
- Continue to pray for Lucy and all our seniors: Mrs Samuel, Mrs Chang, Peter Chan and Judy Yui.
- Pray for our sisters employed as domestic workers; members and friends working in medical settings. May God bless and protect them.
- We pray for our children and their parents 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. Pray that she will be discharged from the hospital soon. In our hearts, we uphold Victoria's brother-in-law Drew who had a stroke and is still paralyzed on his right side, and Heather, her sister who is having to care for him and look after her teenagers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship with Holy Communion through Facebook live streaming. Thank you again for our IT team and those who lead the Service today.

Together We Stand Against COVID-19

The number of confirmed cases has dropped and social distancing measures have been relaxed gradually in the past week. But physical worship in church is still not yet resumed. Today we continue our Sunday Worship with Facebook streaming at 10:30 am. We pray that we will worship in church soon. Please 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. **Let's continue to PRAY and BE AWARE that God who lives within and all around will guide and bless us always.**

Hiking on 2 October (Friday)

The Care and Fellowship Committee will organize a hike to Grass Island (Tap Mun) on 2 October. Gathering point at 10am at Hollywood Plaza. Will take ferry from Wong Shek Pier to Grass Island at 12:30pm and lunch there. We will depart from the Island at 5:30 pm by taking a 75-minute ferry back to Ma Liu Shui Pier, 10-minute walk to University Station ferry of East Rail. For more details please be in touch with Paul Wong and Kevin Ng.

HK National Security Law Talk Series

The second forum was smoothly run last week. We are thankful to our speaker Dr. Jane Hu who shared with us about churches in China under the Communist Party Rule. Any congregational members who would like to listen to the recording of the talk, please be in touch with the pastors.

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.

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:	Timothy Chan
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Jessica Tso
Lector:	Peter Youngblood
Intercessory Prayers:	Judy Chan
I.T. Team	Lo Yuk Fai Carl Cathedral Bervinder Kaur