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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
20 September 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

SONG OF PREPARATION “Bless the Lord my Soul”
– Music: Taizé Community

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator”
– Music: John Goss. Lyrics: J Bell & G. Maule

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “God Is Forgiveness” – Music: Taizé Community

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “Come Now O Prince of Peace”
– Music: O-so-so. Lyrics: Kon-Yang Yi

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Isaiah 58:1-11 (O.T.)

Psalms 119:1-12 (O.T.)

Colossians 3:5-14 (N.T.)

Matthew 5:1-12 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “Help Us Accept Each Other”
– Music: Samuel Wesley. Lyrics: Fred Kaan

SERMON “Peace for an Unpeaceful World”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER Music: Jasmine Tate

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas" – Music: Taizé Community

A TIME OF OFFERING

* **SIGN OF PEACE**

* **HYMN** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
– Music & Lyrics: Sebastian Temple

* **COMMISSION**

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 International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is established by the United Nations in 1981, and is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. This year is the 20th Anniversary of the UN Resolution on the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace. The theme for Peace Day 2020 is - **Shaping Peace Together**. The celebration of the International Day of Peace includes spreading compassion, kindness and hope in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Let the church and the world stand together with the UN against attempts to use the virus to promote discrimination or hatred. Let us be alert and stand against any human rights abuses in the name of preventive measures for spreading coronavirus. Together we shape peace and work to be peacemakers.
- Remember and pray for people and countries that have been suffering from wars and violence. May God, our Peace, dwell in every corner of the world. Truth and justice are the foundation of peace. Pray for more efforts in the world to speak for truth and work for justice.
- Remember the people in Beirut who have been suffering from political crackdown and human rights abuses. Pray that human dignity be upheld and the country will be ruled by democratic government that is accountable to their people.
- Keep praying for the world that is struggling with coronavirus. 30 million people throughout the world have contracted COVID-19, the number of fatalities 950,000 people with 22 million recovered as of 18 September. In Hong Kong, the total number of confirmed cases is 4,994 with 102 deaths from the virus and 4,682 recovered. Pray for success of new vaccines to be developed soon that may save more lives. Continue to pray for the medical staff and cleaners who are working in the forefront.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Peru. We are **thankful** for the distinctive rhythms; the beauty of the region; the indigenous people's care for the natural environment; the diversity of languages and cultures. We **pray for** Christians to have the courage, imagination and energy to build bridges of peace and understanding against conflict and division, and to pursue justice for the poor, marginalized and dispossessed; an end of corruption in all levels of the society, including economic exploitation which impoverishes and hinders economic growth from benefitting all; immigrants and refugees seeking a new home, and those who accompany and support them; coca farmers to find sustainable incomes from other crops, for an end to drug trafficking, and effective assistance for those who are addicted.

For the Congregation

- The Church Council and the Trustees will have a series of sessions on strategic planning for the church. Please pray for the ministers, church leaders and the whole process. May God guide them with the vision from Christ that we may serve with wisdom empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- Remember and pray for the needs of family members from our congregational members: Linda's sister Tess, Victoria's brother-in-law Drew and her sister Heather, Connie's grandmother, Bruce's mother and Phyllis's sister.
- Continue to hold Lucy in our heart for her medical recovery and good spirit.
- Pray for our seniors: Revd Bud Carroll, Mrs Samuel, Mrs Chang, Peter Chan and Judy Yui.
- We pray for our children and their parents for adjustment and challenges encountered in the new school term. Some will resume class in schools. May God bless them to learn with enthusiasm and curiosity, and grow in knowledge and maturity.
- The twelve people who have been arrested by the Mainland Chinese authorities are recently charged with crimes committed in Hong Kong or in Mainland China. Pray for their safety and their legal rights to be granted. May justice prevail!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Together We Stand Against COVID-19

With the number of confirmed cases has dropped and social distancing measures have been relaxed gradually, the church will resume physical worship in church soon. Today we continue our Sunday Worship with Facebook streaming at 10:30 am. 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. **Look forward to seeing all soon in church!**

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.

Support to Christian Action

The Church Council and Trustee has endorsed to give HK\$50,000 to Christian Action for rebuilding their Centre for Refugees in Chung King Mansion after a fire in late August. May the Centre be opened again soon and God bless the work of their hands.

Bible Study Next Week on Thursday 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.

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.

Seminar Online On Anti-Sexual Harassment in Church

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) together with HK Christian Council and English-Speaking Churches have co-organized a seminar – Making Our Church Safe for All: Seminar on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Church.

Date: 28/9/2020 (Monday) Time: 10 am – 12:45 pm. Dr. Ferrick Chu from EOC, Revd Dr Michele Bland from Union Church Hong Kong, and Revd Phyllis Wong from Kowloon Union Church are the speakers. You are most welcome to join. You may register with this link <https://bit.ly/SHprevention>.

	TODAY
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Bruce Van Voorhis
Pianist:	Cheryl Hui
Lector:	Chris Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Lydia Cathedral
I.T. Team	Lo Yuk Fai Carl Cathedral Timothy Chan