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**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
27 September 2020 at 10:30 a.m.**

(* : Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

SONG OF PREPARATION “We Are The Circle” – Composer: Julie Howard

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “We Sing a Love That Sets All People Free”

– Author: June Tillman. Tune: Woodlands

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison” (Lord Have Mercy)

– Music: Brentwood, Eric Wyse

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “Meekness and Majesty” – Composer: Graham Kendrick

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (O.T.)

Philippians 2:1-13 (N.T.)

Matthew 21:23-32 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “Christ Be In My Waking”

– Composer: Stuart Townend & Simon Brading

SERMON

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas” – Music: Taizé Community

A TIME OF OFFERING

*** SIGN OF PEACE**

*** HYMN** “Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service”

– Author: Albert F. Bayly. Tune: Nettleton

*** 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 United Nations celebrates its 75th Anniversary in the midst of a continuing climate crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, growing threats to social justice, human rights and democracy, political tensions between countries, and worsening poverty. The strength of this institution lies in the strength of its members to uphold the rights and dignity of their people and the planet to which they belong to. We pray for our world leaders to embrace God’s call by serving as a way to lead and working together to resolve conflicts, make inequality history, and protect our world.
- In a recent campaign rally, US President Donald Trump addressed a predominantly white audience that they have “good genes”. Many organizations raised concern over the comment stating that it connotes “racial superiority” in a country already riddled with racially charged violence. May God’s love shine over places darkened by hatred, division and exclusion and that all our hearts beat with love, understanding and acceptance.
- The world was shocked by the Malaysian court’s decision to acquit the employer of Adelina Lisao, an Indonesian domestic worker who in 2018 was found dead outside her employer’s house with her head and face swollen and covered with wounds. We pray for justice for Adelina and that legislation in Malaysia as well as in other countries be made to strengthen protection for all migrants from exploitation and harm.
- The recent move of the Hong Kong Police to limit access for journalists to restricted areas and press briefings has been viewed as a step backward in upholding press freedom in the city. While upheld as legal by the authorities, many ask, “How far will we go in legalizing repression and censorship?” We seek God’s guidance during these trying times. May the city’s leaders and police uphold justice and people’s rights amidst a beleaguered democracy.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths of Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela. We are **thankful** for the beauty in these countries; and the good work of churches and ecumenical and other organizations to establish peace with justice throughout the region. We **pray** for the continued pursuit of peace in Colombia, the fulfilment of agreements reached, the reintegration of insurgents into society, broad and inclusive dialogue for justice, and fair compensation of those victimized by conflict; for the strengthening of democratically elected governments in the region, without pressure from outside interests; for greater respect for the human rights of all, especially vulnerable populations and those who work for the wellbeing of others and of the environment; and an end to the corruption in these societies, and to unsustainable exploitation of their resources.

For the Congregation

- The Church Council and the Trustees have started the first session 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 unity and wisdom empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- We praise the Lord for healing grace and loving care to our congregational members and their family members who have been facing illness: Linda's sister Tess, Victoria's brother-in-law Drew and her sister Heather, Connie's grandmother, Bruce's mother and Phyllis's sister.
- We pray for our children and their parents for adjustment and challenges encountered in the new school term. May God bless them to learn with enthusiasm and curiosity, and grow in knowledge and maturity.
- Pray for members whose travelling plans either going back to Hong Kong or back to their home country have been greatly affected due to the pandemic. May God guide and open a way for them to cope.

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.

A Note of Thanks

We are thankful to have Dr. Peter Youngblood to share with us God's message this morning.

Together We Stand Against COVID-19

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.

Bible Study will now be on Friday's 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. (There will be no Bible Study this Friday, October 2 as it is a public holiday.)

Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM)

The EGM will take place on Sunday 15 November after worship. The purpose is to present and pass the budget for 2021.

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>.

'The Impact of Faith On LGBTI People during the Covid 19 Pandemic'

An online event of the captioned concern will be organized on 28 September Monday at 8pm (HK time). People of different religious faiths and from different countries will speak at the panel. Pearl Wong, a member of KUC, representing Queer Theology Academic Hong Kong is one of the speakers. If you are interested in the event, please pre-register with this link: <https://bit.ly/3htRt43>.

	TODAY
Liturgist:	Timothy Chan
Preacher:	Peter Youngblood
Pianist:	Han Inkyu
Lector:	Grace Nam
Intercessory Prayers:	Rey Asis
I.T. Team	Lo Yuk Fai Carl Cathedral Bervinder Kaur