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**9 October 2022**  
**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
(\* : Congregation stands)

### **APPROACH**

**PREPARATION SONG** “Be Still and Know”

– Arr: E Wise

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN** “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

– Music: J. Darwall; Words: C. Wesley

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND** “God is Forgiveness”

– Music: Taize Community

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

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

\* **HYMN** “Shout to the Lord”

– Composer: D Zscheck

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Psalm 66:1-12 (O.T.)

Proverbs 17:17-22 (O.T.)

Luke 17:11-19 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

\* **HYMN** “I’ve Got That Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy”

– Arr: P. Burt

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON** “Make the Choice to Rejoice”

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## THE OFFERTORY

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL RESPOND** "Ubi Caritas" ('Where charity and love are, God is there')

– Music: Taize Community

**OFFERTORY**

**THE PEACE**

\* **HYMN** "Jesus Christ is Waiting" –Music: Trad French Words: JL Bell

\* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

**Please remember as you pray. . .**

- Hurricane Ian has ripped through Florida, leaving utter chaos and causing millions of dollars of damage to private property, businesses and the environment. In addition, at least 108 people have lost their lives. As rescue and recovery attempts are underway, we pray the Lord will strengthen those undertaking this mammoth task and bring comfort to those who have lost loved ones.
- The World Health Organization has issued a medical product alert on four cough syrups produced in India, linking them with 66 child deaths in Gambia. We pray for the families of those who have lost a loved one. May the peace of the Lord rest on their hearts. And for the safety of all others who have purchased the medicine, as the contaminated medications may have been distributed further afield.
- As the war in Ukraine continues, Ukrainian forces reclaim regions and cities once controlled by Russian troops. Yet even as the Russian military offensive suffer such setbacks in its campaign, President Putin has signed the final papers to annex four regions of Ukraine. Let us all pray for peace to reign in all conflict areas worldwide.
- The recent death of Mahsa Amini has rekindled the passion of the women of Iran in their campaign for women's rights. Since 1979 women have been protesting against the enforced law to wear Hajib and the constant interference from the Morality Police. The government have tried to silence their voices but to no avail. Women and men across the generations are now engaged in protest. May God protect and bless them in their campaigns.
- Oxfam Hong Kong announced this week that the income gap in the SAR had widened during the pandemic and reached a 'critical point', urging the government to announce their plans for tackling poverty. As the gap widens, we pray that those with plenty would reach out to their struggling neighbours.

- Hong Kong's blood banks are dangerously low; many have been put off donating due to the pandemic with fears of infection and other factors in our society. So let us seriously consider giving blood if we can. It could be you or your loved ones needing this service to sustain your life.

### **For the Congregation**

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani, Helen Lee, Florence and Chris Wong, for Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Jenny Alegre, Habib, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ramon Bultron, Kevin Ng, Lyn, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Poulis Zaki, Saafa, Selvia and Stella Chan. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- “Peacemaking Ministry” Prayer point: We are thankful that two Egyptian high school students from our asylum seeker families facilitated one of the workshops in an inter-school event organised by the Fellowship of Evangelical Students (FES) yesterday 8 Oct, sharing their life stories and struggles as refugees. We pray that the local students will care more about the marginalised communities that live among us and the issues they face in our city.

### **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in **Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama.**

We are **thankful** for:

- the natural beauty in this region
- the cultural and spiritual contributions made by the indigenous peoples living in these countries
- church leaders and others who continue to struggle for justice, human rights and dignity, and who work for reconciliation in these lands
- those who have turned away from violence and live with others in peace.

We **pray for**:

- children and youth who are traumatized by violence and flee to other lands
- an end to gang violence and drug trafficking
- more just distribution of wealth that enables the millions who have been excluded to have access to a dignified life in these countries
- Christians to have the courage to live out the liberating gospel.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Today**

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. Thank you also to our preacher for today, Dr Choi Sik Ping.

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

- Sunday - Council Meeting at 1 pm  
 Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship in Number 2 Jordan Road, at 10:00 am  
 Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:30 pm

- Lectio Divina – online at 8:00 pm
- Friday - Bible Study – online at 10:30 am
- Junior Choir in KUC at 4:00 pm

**Lectio Divina**

Join us for our monthly practice of Lectio Divina on Wednesday, 12 October, from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We'll be meeting online via Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join! Visit [kuc.hk/lectio](http://kuc.hk/lectio) for more information and to register.

**Taize Worship –**

Tuesday, October 11, here in Kowloon Union Church at 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Sunday, 23 October** - The first workshop of a series in "Spirituality and Sexuality".

Time: 1:30 - 3:00pm

Venue: To be confirmed

Numbers of Participants: Limited to 25 people

Facilitator: Dr Peter Youngblood and Christian Education Committee members

We will be exploring sexuality in the context of faith and discussing the main theological, philosophical, and ethical issues. The first is a general introduction to the topic; later sessions (TBA) will cover more specific themes.

Please register by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/u67oVkkeiFtmwt778>

**Sunday, 30 October – Interfaith Walk Around Wong Tai Sin**

Directly after worship, we travel together to Wong Tai Sin and learn more about Taoism and the meanings behind the different areas of the Temple. More details to follow...

	<b>TODAY 9 October</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 16 October</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Dr Choi Sik Ping	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Eva Kwan	Eva Kwan
Lector:	Emmanuel Adesina	John Mok Lamme
Intercessory Prayers:	Tory Caplan	Ramon Bultron
Family Talk:	Lydia Cathedral	Tong Chong Sze
Greeter:	Edwina Antonio plus others	Robert Lam plus others
Offering Rota:	Caden Lam Ching So	Samjhana Thapa Rachel Wangari
Counting Rota	Edwina Antonio Gabi Baumgartner	Paul Wong Ramon Bultron
Sunday School Leaders:	Lydia Cathedral	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Jen Pang	Lo Yuk Fai

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$2,675.10-  
Promissory offering last week: HK\$5,100-