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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Poverty Sunday
11 October 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

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

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** "This Is The Day"

– Word: Les Garrett (Paraphraser) Tune: Traditional Fijian

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord Have Mercy)

– Tune: Traditional Ukrainian

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

***HYMN** "God Of The Sparrow" – Word: Jaroslav J. Vajda Music: Roeder

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 23 (O.T.)

Philipians 4:4-9 (N.T.)

Matthew 22:1-14

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

***HYMN** "The Lord's My Shepherd" – Composer: Stuart Townsend

FAMILY TALK

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

OFFERTORY

* **SIGN OF PEACE**

* **HYMN** “Beauty for Brokenness ” – Word: Graham Kendrick

* **COMMISSION**

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

(Matthew 5:3)

For the World and Hong Kong

- 17 October has been marked by the United Nations as the *International Day for the Eradication of Poverty*, to acknowledge the effort and struggle of people living in poverty, a chance for them to make their concerns heard, and a moment to recognize that poor people are the first ones to fight against poverty. It is a Day to promote concrete activities with regard to the eradication of poverty and destitution at the national level all over the world. The theme for 2020 is “Acting together to achieve social and environmental justice for all”. The growing recognition of the multi-dimensionality of poverty means that these two issues are inseparably intertwined, and that social justice cannot be fully realized without addressing environmental injustices at the same time. Whereas progress has been made in addressing income poverty, there has been less success in addressing the other important dimensions of poverty, including the rapidly growing impact of the environment, within a more holistic approach. Besides, people living in extreme poverty are mostly affected and they are the first to act decisively in response to poverty, climate change and environmental challenges. However, their efforts and experience often go unnoticed and unappreciated; their ability to contribute positively to solutions has been overlooked. Therefore, it is important to hear their voice and recognize them as agents of change, especially in international bodies.
- We remember and pray for people who have lost their jobs and families that suffer from big drop of income that is adversely affecting their livelihood because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Pray that appropriate social policies and welfare systems are introduced and working well to address the needs of the poor and the vulnerable.
- Keep praying for churches and NGOs working with the poor to restore their dignity, and to eradicate poverty for God’s Kingdom of justice. May God grant them perseverance and strength to continue the mission.
- The pandemic professionals warned that the 4th wave of coronavirus community break may come to the city because of the increasing number of confirmed cases from unknown sources. May the community at large continue to be alert to take good precaution measure for the sake of others

especially the elderly and the chronically ill who are high risk groups for Covid-19.

- A Hong Kong teacher's licence has been removed after being accused of promoting the territory's independence in the classroom. Pray for the teacher, his family and the respective school. The Professional Teachers' Union is helping the teacher to make an appeal. May God's justice prevail.
- Keep remembering the families of 12 activists captured by China in August, their demand to legal rights to choose their own lawyers and their swift return to Hong Kong. Pray for safety of the 12 and their anxious families.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. We are **thankful** for the indigenous and other groups who have resisted injustice and human rights violations; church leaders who have spoken out and acted on behalf of the poor and marginalized; and developments that improve life for all, while also caring for the environment. We **pray** for stable, democratically elected governments committed to the peace and wellbeing of all; comfort and healing for the families and loved ones of those who have been killed or disappeared; and for those responsible to be brought to justice; stopping corruption, drug traffic, and violence, and those who profit from such activities; improved economic life and trade policies so that people will not be exploited and can pursue livelihoods in these countries rather than migrating elsewhere for work.

For the Congregation

- Remember members and friends who are working in medical settings and taking care of households with senior and sick family members.
- Pray for the ministers and church leaders as they are planning for the church ministries and preparing the budget for 2021. May God guide them with clear vision and wisdom by the love and power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for our children for their health and learning after resuming school. May God bless them to learn with enthusiasm and curiosity and may they grow in knowledge and maturity.
- We add Mercy's sister Wasanthi in our prayer for God's healing grace. We are thankful for the progress Lucy, Paul Wong, Drew and Sai Fung (Phyllis's sister) have made so far. We continue to uphold Bruce's mother in our heart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome all who are physically present in church and all who join the Sunday Worship through Facebook live streaming today. With the social distancing measures being relaxed, KUC has resumed church service with a limit of 50% capacity according to the rule issued by the government. We suggest friends to arrive before 10:30 am to ensure a seat and prepare our heart to be with God. We advise everyone to observe the precaution measures in church to ensure public health safety.

Gentle Reminders

With consideration of the current public health crisis on the spread of coronavirus in the community, the church has taken special arrangement to ensure public hygiene and safety within the church community.

- Temperature check for everyone who joins the Sunday Worship
- Wash your hands before entering into the sanctuary for worship.
- Hand sanitizer is provided for cleaning hands.
- No tea and coffee fellowship after the Worship until further notice
- If you are suffering from respiratory symptoms such as coughing and fever, please remain at home and seek medical treatment if symptoms persist.

KUC's Third National Security Law Forum

The church's third forum on the recently enacted national security law will be held after the worship service on Oct. 25. The first two forums shared the perspectives of resource people about the law. This forum will involve the participation of the congregation to discuss our thoughts and feelings after the passage of the law and how as a community of faith to respond. The forum is organized by the Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee (MOE). At 1:30 – 3:30pm @Upper Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study will now be on Fridays 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.

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.

	TODAY
Liturgist:	Timothy Chan
Preacher:	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist:	Lucy Lim
Lector:	Bruce Van Voorhis
Intercessory Prayers:	Rey Asis
Family Talk:	Lydia Catedral
Sunday School:	Jaylin Tomitis, Lydia Catedral
Greeter/ Offering:	Chris Wong , Harry Chan
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai , Carl Catedral, Bervinder Kaur

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$4,989-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$27,670-
Welfare fund: HK\$5,000-