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**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
**25 October 2020 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Reformation Sunday**

(\* : Congregation Stands)

### APPROACH

**SONG OF PREPARATION** “Holy Spirit Come” – Music: Timothy Chan

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” – Lyrics and Music: Martin Luther

**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** “Let Us Sing to the God of Salvation”

– Lyrics: R. T. Bewes, Music: Trad

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (O.T.)

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

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

\* **HYMN** “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

– Lyrics and Music: J Robinson, R Thompson and M Farren

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON**

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## THE OFFERTORY

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### MISSION MOMENT - COVID-19 MIGRANT MONITOR

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas" – Music: Taizé Community

### OFFERTORY

\* SIGN OF PEACE

\* HYMN "God In Your Grace" – Lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray, Music: Per Harling

\* COMMISSION and BLESSING

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## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### For the World and Hong Kong

- Pray for the human rights and democracy activists in Thailand who have been engaging in the recent massive protests. May the voice of the people be heard and people's rights of assembly and expression be respected and upheld. Pray for peace and justice, and those who have been arrested and in jail because of their actions for the common good.
- We remember the Presidential election in the United States that will take place on 3 November. Pray that everyone's voting right is honored and that people will use their vote wisely. May the newly elected president put people's common good first and lead the country with compassion and justice. May the Holy Spirit lead and guide the people and the nation.
- A historic record of cutting 6,000 jobs was made by Cathay Dragon last week. The large-scale redundancy plan will also affect other related industries and it is expected more people will lose their jobs. We remember and pray for the many individuals and families that will be adversely affected and facing financial hardship. May the Government and corporations do their best to address the crisis.

### For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths of Canada and the United States of America. We are **thankful** for those who were its original inhabitants – First Nations and Native Americans; church-related organizations that advocate for justice, and NGOs that serve new immigrants, refugees and vulnerable; ecumenical and interfaith engagements that involved different ethnicities and religious faiths other than white and Christian.
- We pray for churches facing new challenges, that they may continue to witness boldly to the gospel in evolving multicultural, multireligious and secular contexts; indigenous peoples in their long struggles for survival,

land and rights; and for ongoing healing and reconciliation with those who have come after them; a welcoming community for new immigrants, and that policies will serve the common good, government leaders that they would advance justice, human rights, and peace for all within these countries and in the rest of the world.

### **For the Congregation**

- The AMO will start the second round of renovation in church. The areas of work include repairing the steel windows at Bell Tower and external wall cleaning. Pray for safety of workers and that the process is smooth.
- 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 to serve with clear vision and wisdom in unity of Christ.
- Uphold friends who are encountering different kinds of life challenges. Continue to pray for those who are in the healing process: Lucy, Paul Wong, Drew (Tory's brother in law), and Sai Fung (Phyllis's sister) Wasanthi (Mercy's sister), Connie's grandmother and Oscar Marquez (Thelma's brother).
- Bruce will travel to the United States tonight, visiting his mother and family. We pray for his safe journey and a blessed time with his mother.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Today**

Welcome all who are physically present in church and all who join the Sunday Worship through Facebook live streaming today. We have resumed church service with a limit of 50% capacity according to the rule issued by the government for four weeks. When the sanctuary reaches its capacity, friends will go to the fellowship hall. We advise everyone to observe the precaution measures in church to ensure public health safety.

### **A Note Of Thank**

We are grateful to have Revd Martin Sommer to share with us God's message in today's worship to celebrate Reformation Sunday. Revd Martin is originally from Germany, served as pastor in Basel and Heidelberg. He is currently ministering in the German Speaking Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hong Kong. He came with his wife Christine and will stay here in HK for a six-year term of service.

### **KUC's Third National Security Law Forum TODAY**

The church's third forum on the recently enacted National Security Law will be held after the worship service. 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**

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](http://www.kuc.hk/giving) for details.

## **Reformation Sunday**

KUC is a Protestant church. The Protestant Church was born after the Reformation era. We therefore observe this special day in our church. The Reformation began in 1517 when the theologian Martin Luther challenged the Roman Catholic Church over her practice of selling “indulgences” to raise funds for building the grand church. The history of the Reformation involved more layers and implications than just about indulgences as many changes have been made in churches after that. One very important area for us to learn about Re-formation is through re-telling our history as people of faith reflect and return to the core of our faith. Christians are challenged to re-form our life and faith to have Jesus Christ as our centre. We are reminded that “We love because God first loved us.” God’s love is unconditional and everlasting. All are welcome to God’s grace and embrace. The Church is called to reveal this grace and truth.

	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 1 November Holy Communion Service</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Martin Sommer	Timothy Chan
Pianist:	Han In Kyu	Han In Kyu
Lector:	Tavis Du Preez	Kurt Law
Intercessory Prayers:	Edwina Antonio	Judy Chan
Family Talk:	Tong Chong Sze	Maggie Mathieson
Greeter/ Offering:	Doris Lee Norma Diaz	Linda Mendoza Jennifer Chan
Sunday School:	Lydia Cathedral Hugo Lo Peter Zia	Lydia Cathedral Maggie Mathieson
I.T. Team:	Carl Cathedral Bervinder Kaur Tong Chong Sze	Carl Cathedral Bervinder Kaur Tong Chong Sze

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$4,638-  
Promissory offering last week: HK\$3,800-