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**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**10 September 2023**  
**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**  
**(\*: Congregation Stands)**

### APPROACH

**PREPARATION SONG** "Santo Santo Santo" – Trad Folk song

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* HYMN** "We Have Come into His House" – Composer: B. Ballenger

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND** "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord, have mercy) – Trad. Orthodox

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

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

**HYMN** "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

– Music: J Zundel; Words: C Wesley

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Psalm 119: 33-40 (O.T.)

Romans 13: 8-14 (N.T.)

Matthew 18:15-20 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

**HYMN** "There's a Quiet Understanding"

- Composer: T. Smith

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON** "The Things That Make for Peace"

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## THE OFFERTORY

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL RESPOND** "O Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

– Taizé

**OFFERTORY**

**THE PEACE**

\* **HYMN** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" – Composers: S.Temple/St Francis

\* **COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

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### Concerns of the Church

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

- There is great news for our environment as the rate of deforestation in the Amazon rainforest continues to drop. Maintaining the forest is of vital importance in our fight against climate change. May we always be aware of this fantastic gift that our Creator has provided us and the need to be good stewards of its care.
- The people of Mexico are getting ready to cast their votes for President, and they will likely see a woman President for the first time this year. We pray for smooth and fair elections clear of gender prejudice.
- Texas has been ordered to remove the barricade of floating buoys it placed on the Rio Grande to stop migrants from crossing into the United States from Mexico. The court ruled that the barrier threatened the safety of those trying to cross the river and diplomatic ties between the two countries. We are grateful that this ruling has been made and remain hopeful that safer ways can be found for migrants seeking new horizons.
- Post-pandemic China faces significant economic challenges as exports have dropped for the fourth consecutive month. The demand for goods from China has been deeply affected by the pandemic and the ongoing trade dispute with the United States. We pray this will soon change as the ones most involved in this, the thousands of factory workers, need to work to earn their livelihood. We pray for their well-being.
- Hong Kong's top court has refused to recognise same-sex marriages but has ordered the city to formulate an alternative framework. This must be done within two years. Tuesday's ruling highlights the government's failure to provide alternative options actively - like civil unions - for LGBT couples, violating their human rights. We thank God for all small victories for all rights to be acknowledged and accepted.
- In a campaign to curb the number of pedestrian fatal road accidents, the Hong Kong police will fine 'Jaywalkers' with on-the-spot fines that can be up to HK\$2000. Let us be responsible and think of others on the road before taking shortcuts and jumping the lights.
- Like many places, adverse weather conditions have deeply affected Hong Kong. In recent days, there has been much damage to property and businesses. We remember those most affected by the bad weather, those who have no permanent shelter and are

sleeping on the streets and those who help us in the city by cleaning up all that has been left behind.

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

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Ghana and Nigeria.

#### **We are thankful for:**

- Christians and Muslims who take risks to work for dialogue and reconciliation, and people of disparate ethnic groups who strive together for the common good
- Churches that have been faithful in spreading the Good News, serving the people and pursuing justice in these societies
- Economic growth from natural resources, where it benefits all people – and especially the poor – in these nations
- How people, especially in Nigeria, have been sustained by God in the face of attacks and violence in the context of the movement of population groups and from extremist elements like Boko Haram.

#### **We pray for:**

- Those affected by violence and terrorism, and that such violent attacks might cease
- Leaders of churches, that they might speak out courageously against political, social and economic injustices
- Just and peaceful relations between members of different ethnic groups and between Muslims and Christians
- Those who suffer from malnutrition and diseases such as malaria, whooping cough and HIV and AIDS
- Better stewardship of the environment and natural resources.

### **For the Congregation**

- We thank God that we have the provision of our Fellowship Hall that allows us to continue to worship together as One in the Lord.
- Let us continue to pray for all the work and the workers involved in the renovation of our Sanctuary.
- We hold in prayer our sister Sandy Hung and her family as they mourn the loss of their father. May God give them comfort and mercy at this sad time.
- Pray for our church Council and Trustees as they work on the Budget for the coming year.
- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani and Sunita Suna and the father-in-law of Ms. Candy. For Mrs Samuel, Holly Chui, Revd Bud Carroll, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Kevin Ng, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ana and Ramon Bultron, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Poulis Zaki and Joy Babasa. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

## Announcements

**Today** - a warm welcome to all who join our worship this morning. Thank you, Revd Judy Chan, for sharing the Word of God with us.

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

Tuesday - Peacemaking Fellowship at 10 a.m. in Number 2 Jordan Road  
 Wednesday - Harambe – 6:00 pm, KUC Upper Fellowship Hall

### **Unique Appeal – The Education Fund**

**KUC's Peacemaking Ministry** is conducting a review. We invite all in KUC to fill in the questionnaire linked to the QR code, which will take only 5 minutes to complete. We want to hear your opinions, which are important to us as we seek to improve our ministry. Your sharing will help us in our planning for the future direction of the ministry.



The final date for submission is Today. Please contact Katie if you need further help.

### **Date For Your Diary**

BBQ - At the Beach - Sunday, 24 September

The Care and Fellowship Committee will facilitate an outing for BBQ by Lung Mei Beach - Tai Po.

We will leave the Church around noon and return by 5 p.m.

Fee: Adult HK\$ 180 Concessionary: HK\$80

The fee includes Food, Drinks and Transportation.



	<b>TODAY 10 September</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 17 September</b>
Liturgist:	Peter Youngblood	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Judy Chan	Joy Prim
Pianist:	Jessica Tso	Lucy Lim
Lector:	Amber Tong	Paul Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Ramon Bultron	John Mok-Lamme
Family Talk:	Maggie Mathieson	Lydia Cathedral
Greeter:	Edwina Antonio Caden Lam	Stephanie Mumbi Kenneth Ku
Offering Rota:	Thapa Samjhana Rose Muiriri	Anjenette Bolanos Caden Lam
Counting Rota	Ramon Bultron Gabi Baumgartner	Ramon Bultron Paul Wong
Sunday School Leaders:	Jaylin Tomitis	Jaylin Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Jen Pang Bervinder Kaur	Venus Cheng Bervinder Kaur
Freewill offering last week: HK\$4,420.60 - Promissory offering last week: HK\$7,660- Education Fund: HK\$45,000-		