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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
1 November 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion Service

(* : Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

SONG OF PREPARATION "Be Still And Know That I Am God"
– *Writer: Paul Armstrong*

CALL TO WORSHIP

* **HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

– *Music: William Runyan, Lyrics: Thomas Chisholm*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "God Is Forgiveness" – *Music: Taizé Community*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** "Christ Be In My Waking" – *Music/Lyrics: Stuart Townend*

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 107:1-7 (O.T.)

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (N.T.)

Matthew 23:1-12 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "Willing To Serve"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas” (Where there is love and charity, God is there)

– *Music: Taizé Community*

OFFERING “God Help the Outcasts” by KUC Singers

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

HYMN “Gather The People” – *Music/Lyrics: Daniel Schutte*

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* **HYMN** “Lord, How Can I Repay?” – *Music/Lyrics: John Glynn*

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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*“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

For the World and Hong Kong

- As Europe goes into new lockdowns to contend with a new surge in Covid-19 cases, we pray for sound policy making and clear messaging from governments as well as compassionate and responsible attitudes from citizens. May God protect the frontline workers, who must bear the brunt of risks, while also comforting those who may face financial or emotional hardships.
- We remember the people in Vietnam who, after battling devastating floods for weeks, are now dealing with the aftermath of one of the biggest storms in decades. May God comfort the families of the dead, bless the rescue missions in search for the missing, and guide the reconstruction of houses that have been damaged by Typhoon Molave. With tens of thousands of people feared to go hungry in the country over the next months, we pray that God will watch over all those in need.
- Three people have been killed in a knife stabbing at a church in Nice, France during a terrorist attack. We pray for the healing of the country as it grapples with this and another recent murder that is instilling fear. May the government have wisdom to combat hatred and division with love and reconciliation. We join the World Council of Churches interim general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr. Ioan Sauca to express solidarity with the churches and people of France, and condolences to the families of the victims.

- The US Presidential Election Day will be held on 3 November. Our prayers are with the American people for a fair and transparent process, free of fraud and intimidation, that will be honored by all parties. Whoever the new leader is, we pray that God will guide the country's leadership in navigating the third wave of Covid-19, an economic recession, racial injustice and other pressing social problems facing the nation and the world.
- Tony Chung, a 19-year-old student activist, has become the second person to be charged under Hong Kong's National Security Law. With reports that the police will launch a hotline to gather intelligence from the public regarding the NSL, we lift up our worries about the deteriorating freedom of speech to God and pray that justice will ultimately prevail.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths of Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.
- We are thankful for the amazing diversity of people and cultures living on the islands of Oceania; the stories and bold witness to the impact of climate change, reminding the rest of the world that we are all in the same 'boat' on this planet, 70 percent of which is covered by the ocean.
- We pray for efforts to preserve these island nations in the midst of rising seas; those adversely affected by earthquakes, volcanoes and cyclones; those dealing with the legacy of past nuclear weapons testing and with garbage dumping today; and good governance.

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.
- We give thanks to God for the health progress of Lucy, Drew and Sai Fung who have been getting stronger every day. Uphold friends who are encountering different kinds of life challenges. Continue to pray for those who are in the healing process: Wasanthi (Mercy's sister), Connie's grandmother and Oscar Marquez (Thelma's brother).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

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.

Meeting

The Council and Trustees will meet after the worship today.

On Leave

Pastor Maggie will be on annual leave from 2-15 November.

KUC Movie Sunday: Features Documentary Film Bonhoeffer

Why did the German Church embrace Hitler and the Nazi Party? And what was a good German, a deeply religious and pacifist man to do about it? Please come to the KUC Movie Sunday at 1:00 p.m. on 22 November @ Upper Fellowship Hall, hosted by KUC's Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism (MOE) Committee to learn more about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who may give us inspiration about how to live out our faith and life in a time of challenge.

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.

	TODAY Communion Sunday	NEXT WEEK 8 November
Liturgist/Celebrant:	Phyllis Wong	Timothy Chan
Preacher:	Timothy Chan	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Han In Kyu	Lucy Lim
Lector:	Kurt Law	Doris Lee
Intercessory Prayers:	Judy Chan	Nam Boo Won
Family Talk:	Maggie Mathieson	Tong Chong Sze
Greeter:	Linda Mendoza Sam Mendoza	Norma Diaz Barnet Wanjira
Offering:	Jennifer Chan Susan Babasa	Paul Cheung Angela Heung
Sunday School:	Lydia Cathedral Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson Hugo Lo Tong Chong Sze
I.T. Team:	Carl Cathedral Bervinder Kaur Tong Chong Sze	Lo Yuk Fai Carl Cathedral

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$2,793-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$21,800-
Retiring offering: HK\$2,100-
Welfare fund: HK\$5,000-