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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
14 November 2021
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Stewardship Sunday

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

* **CALL TO WORSHIP THROUGH SONG** “Enter, Rejoice And Come In”

– Music: Adapted by anon, from Louise Ruspini

* **PRAYER OF INVOCATION** – Responsive

* **HYMN OF THANKS** “For The Fruit Of All Creation”

– Music: Trad Welsh Ar Hyd Y Nos; Lyrics: Fred Pratt Green

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “God Is Forgiveness” – Taizé Community

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

PIANO CALL FOR FAMILY TALK

FAMILY TALK DRAMA “THE STEWARD” – From ‘What’s Mine Is Yours!’

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Matthew 25:14–30 (N.T.)

1 Peter 4: 8–11 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

SERMON “Be God’s Stewards”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas" – Taizé Community

OFFERTORY

SIGN OF PEACE

* **HYMN** "When We Are Living" – Music: Mexican Homos Del Senor

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- For the positive results of a new clinical trial for a new Ebola Vaccine developed by the University of Oxford. May the hand of the Great Physician bring the result we yearn for in the prevention of this deadly disease.
- That diplomacy and peace talks will bring an end to the war in Ethiopia, too many have already died and are dying.
- Pray for the thousands of migrants stranded and struggling in so many areas of the world particularly those in areas of extreme cold.
- Continue to pray for Afghanistan and her people as food supplies are quickly running out and food aid provided by the World Food Programme. Soon the bitter winter weather will start and this year experts are predicting that this will be a very bad year.
- Those in our city who are living in poverty numbers have risen and are at the highest point since the record was started in 2013. Figures would have been higher if it had not been for the recent financial government handouts.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia.
- **We are thankful for:** the beauty of their land and waters and the special relationship that people enjoy with the natural environment;
- the identities and cultural practices that indigenous peoples have long maintained, and for their increasing political voice;
- how the people have welcomed new immigrants;
- how churches have witnessed and worked together ecumenically, especially amid challenges of apathy in highly secularized societies.
- **We pray for:** churches to have the imagination, skills and energy to build bridges of understanding in increasingly multireligious and multicultural contexts;

- those who work tirelessly on issues of justice for the poor, marginalized and dispossessed, especially indigenous peoples;
- those seeking refuge and a new life in these countries, and those supporting and providing for them;
- careful preservation of the fragile land, sea, and resources.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Som, the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, and Mrs Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette and Doris Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee. We also lift up all in need of strength for recovery of body, mind and spirit.
- Baby Eliseo Cathedral is now at home with his parents and the dog – all are doing well. The family thank you all for your continued prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome, all who join our Sunday Worship in person and through Facebook live streaming today. It is good to have you together with us in this time of worship.

Weekly Programs in Church.

- **Council Meeting** – Today at 1:30 p.m. – Upper Fellowship Hall.
- **Bible study online Monday at 11:00 a.m. We begin to prepare for the coming of the Christ in our Advent Study.** Please contact Pastor Maggie if you are interested in joining the study group.
- **Peacemaking Fellowship @ 10:30 a.m.** here in KUC
- **Wednesday Evening Harambe Choir @ 6:00 p.m.**
- **Friday – Junior Choir @ 3:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday Morning – Sewing classes in the Lower Fellowship Hall @ 9:30 a.m.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Taize Prayer

Here in KUC on Thursday 18 November @ 7:30 p.m.

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

The EGM will take place on Sunday, 21 November after worship. The purpose is to present and pass the budget for 2022.

Church Clean Up Days

Friday 26 and Saturday 27 November – Signup sheet on the notice board in the hallway.

Sunday 28 November Movie Sunday: *The Hunting Ground* (2015)

103 min.

The documentary *The Hunting Ground* follows the lives of several college student sexual assault survivors as they seek justice and prevention of more harm to others. Through the film, we can hear first-person testimonies from survivors on how authorities responded when they reported their assaults. The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual global campaign from 25 November,

the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, until 10 December, Human Rights Day. MOE Committee has chosen this film as part of the 16 Days of Activism, so we can equip ourselves as allies of sexual assault victims and reflect on how to create a safe space for both women and men in church and in society.

We welcome you to join us for the film and discussion afterwards.

Date: 28 November 2021 (Sunday)

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Venue: Kowloon Union Church, Upper Fellowship Hall

Organized by: Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee

Congregational Retreat

The Retreat has been postponed. Another date will be set soon.

KUC IS RECRUITING!

After serving in the church for almost 16 years, Ms Heddy Ha our church secretary, will retire from her post in the Church office. Details of the Vacancy can be found on the KUC Website and on Facebook.

| | TODAY | NEXT WEEK 21 November |
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| Liturgist: | Hope Antone Doris Lee | Maggie Mathieson |
| Preacher: | Phyllis Wong | Hans Lutz |
| Pianist: | Cheryl Hui | Eric Sin |
| Lector: | Cynthia Leung Paul Wong | Jenet Onwufuju |
| Intercessory Prayers: | Sunita Suna Edwina Antonio | Tory Caplan |
| Family Talk: | Rey Asis Kevin Ng Aimé Girimana Tong Chong Sze Maggie Mathieson | Tong Chong Sze |
| Greeter: | Sunita Suna Edwina Antonio | Kevin Ng Judy Chan |
| Offering Rota: | Rey Asis Kevin Ng | Susan Babasa Doris Lee |
| Sunday School Leaders: | Gabi Baumgartner | Jaylin Tomitis |
| I.T. Team: | Chris Wong Bervinder Kaur | Lo Yuk Fai Monkey Lui |

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| <p>Last Sunday's offering: HK\$4,195- Promissory offering last week: HK\$10,900- Organic farm: HK\$19- Welfare fund: HK\$500-</p> |
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