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**Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**26 November 2023**

**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

**Stewardship Sunday and Christ the King Sunday**  
**(\*: Congregation Stands)**

### **APPROACH**

**PREPARATION SONG** "Lead Me Lord"

– Composer: S S Wesley

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* HYMN** "Rejoice The Lord is King" – Music: J. Darwall; Lyrics: C. Wesley

**WORSHIP ADVISORY GROUP** - **Romans 12: 1**

- Revd Judy Chan

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND** "Kyrie Eleison"

– Composer: Trad. Orthodox

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**UCCPHK CHOIR** "A Song of Stewardship"

– Composers: Paterson and Taulman

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** - **James 3:17**

– John Mok-Lamme

**HYMN** "For I'm Building a People of Power"

– Composer: David Richards

**FAMILY TALK – MAINTENANCE** - **Matthew 7: 24 - 27** - Chan Beng Seng

**HYMN** "Take My Life"

– Music: H A C Malan; Lyrics: F R Havergal

**MISSION, OUTREACH AND ECUMENISM** - **Micah 6:8**

- Rey Asis

### **THE OFFERTORY**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**CARE AND FELLOWSHIP** -1 **John 4:7**

- Lucy Lim

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

– Taizé

## OFFERTORY

### THE PEACE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

– Iona Community

\* HYMN “The Servant King”

– Composer: Graham Kendrick

\* COMMISSION – PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

BLESSING

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### Concerns of the Church

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

- In this moment of delicate negotiations between Israel and Hamas, we come together in prayer for the well-being and safety of all those involved. We pray for the swift and peaceful release of the hostages, especially the women and children who have endured immense suffering. May the pause in fighting provide a respite for the affected families and pave the way for increased humanitarian aid to reach Gaza. We pray for wisdom and compassion to guide the leaders involved so that they may find lasting solutions to the conflicts that have caused so much pain. In our collective hearts, we hope for a future where peace, justice, and understanding prevail in the region.
- Yesterday marked the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Recognizing the pervasive and devastating nature of this human rights violation, we stand in solidarity with efforts to end violence against women and girls worldwide. Despite progress since the #MeToo movement, we are saddened by the rise in attacks against women human rights defenders and activists. In particular, we highlight female journalists who are being "targeted on social media" and are now risking their lives reporting from dangerous places. We are pleased to note that Queen Camilla of the UK sent a strong message on the often under-reported issue of abuse and sexual violence against women in war zones. Let us continue to pray for women's protection and equal rights, honoring their tremendous contribution and potential in our society.
- In the wake of the election of a new president in Argentina, we remember the Argentine citizens who have faced economic hardships, triple-digit inflation, and rising poverty. May they find hope, strength, and resilience amid these challenges. We pray for unity and solidarity among the people so that they may collectively contribute to the nation's well-being. May this period of change be marked by compassion, understanding, and a shared commitment to creating a better future for all. May Argentina find a path to stability, prosperity, and social harmony under the leadership of its newly elected President.
- According to a report released this month by AidData, China is owed more than a trillion dollars through its Belt and Road projects, making it the most prominent debt collector in the world, with an estimated 80 per cent of the loans supporting countries in financial distress. We pray for the nations entangled in the debt burden of China's Belt and Road Initiative. As this vast initiative unfolds, we beseech God to guide leaders toward equitable solutions that alleviate the financial distress of countries in need. Bless those who navigate the complexities of international financing, urging them to prioritize transparency and sustainable development. Grant strength to those who bear the weight of

debt so that they may find a path to prosperity and resilience. In God's boundless mercy, help us all work towards a world where resources are shared justly and the vulnerable are uplifted.

- In 2014, the abuse case of Erwiana went viral globally, and she became the face of a movement to advocate changes for migrant foreign domestic workers in Hong Kong. Unfortunately, advocates have noted that very little has changed since. We reflect on the findings of a recent study by a local university research team regarding the mistreatment of migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong. The analysis of nearly 400 newspaper reports from 2010 to 2019 reveals a concerning pattern of misrepresentation, with media often providing mitigating factors for perpetrators while minimizing the voices of migrant domestic workers. These individuals contribute significantly to our city's economy and deserve fair treatment. In our prayers, we urge for fair representation and diversity in media reporting, emphasizing the importance of acknowledging the severity of the challenges faced by migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong.

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

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore.

We are **thankful** for:

- Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and evangelical churches and councils of churches in Malaysia and Singapore which have witnessed to the gospel and ministered to groups who are discriminated against and marginalized
- economic developments that have enhanced the standard of living for many
- policies and practices that seek to sustain the environment and its resources
- those who have sought to further ethnic and religious harmony.

We **pray** for:

- more just, participatory and democratic rule
- locally-determined economic development that lessens inequalities and protects natural resources
- greater ethnic and religious understanding and cooperation
- the forging of national identities and visions that genuinely include all the diverse people in these countries.

### **For the Congregation**

- We continue to pray for the renovation of the church and the safety of the workers.
- Pray for those facing health challenges that require body strength restoration: Edna Lai, Paul Wong, Kevin Ng, Revd Bud, Jeanette Lee, Hend, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Joy Babasa and Pastor Maggie. We continue to remember our senior members and friends: Mrs Samuel and the mother of Alex Melwani. May God heal the sick and give strength to those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

## Announcements

**Today** - A warm welcome to all who join our worship this morning. Please stay and join the tea & coffee fellowship after the service.

### Today - Movie Sunday organized by MOE Committee: 1:30 – 3:30 pm

**“Sister” - 90-minute film** A documentary about the life and work of death penalty abolitionist Sister Helen Prejean. The film examines her life and influences and delves into the evolving role of Catholic nuns in America. A poignant piece, it follows Sister Helen (best-selling author of *Dead Man Walking*) as she counsels and fights for the stay of execution of Oklahoma death row inmate Richard Glossip.

### Clean Up Day

Annual Clean up days will be arranged on 1 & 2 December (Friday & Sat), from 10 am to 4 pm. Come and join us to clean KUCspace and the church at no. 4. It is great fun and a joyful time being together to make our church shine after some deep cleaning. Let’s get ready for the new church year on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.

### Guitar lessons for beginners – organized by the Peacemaking Ministry

The lessons will cover basic chord sharps, simple songs, and self-study handouts. Please contact Katie for inquiries and registration at 9623-1976.

Tutor: Mr Cephas Shek, a professional guitarist from Worship Nations

Every Friday, 8/12/2023 to 26/1/2024; 1:30 – 2:30 pm @ KUCspace

Fee: HK\$900 for eight sessions.

	<b>TODAY 26 November</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 3 December</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Revd. Judy Chan, Chan Beng Seng, John Mok-Lamme, Rey Asis, Lucy Lim	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Eva Kwan	Lucy Lim
Lector:	-	Jennifer Chan
Intercessory Prayers:	Revd Joram Calimutan	Robert Lam
Family Talk:	Chan Beng Seng	Mayson Fung
Greeter:	Thapa Samjhana Susan Babasa	Paul Wong Tory Caplan
Offering Rota:	Daddy Journaliz Badon	Rose Muiriri Ronald Chui
Counting Rota	Chan Beng Seng Joy Prim	Edwina Antonio Gabi Baumgartner
Sunday School Leaders:	Gabi Baumgartner Mary Adesina	Gabi Baumgartner Mary Adesina
I.T. Team:	Jen Pang Bervinder Kaur	Venus Cheng Bervinder Kaur
Freewill offering last week: HK\$13,142.50- Promissory offering last week: HK\$600-		