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WHERE ALL ARE ONE

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17 July 2022
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Bless The Lord" – Music: Taize Community
*** CALL TO WORSHIP**
*** HYMN** "Be Still for the Presence of The Lord" – Composer: David J Evans
CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ALL RESPOND "God Is Forgiveness" – Music: Taize Community

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

*** HYMN** "Come As You Are" – Composer: Sr. Deidre Browne

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Colossians 1: 15-28 (N.T.)

Luke 10: 38-42 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN** "Knowing You Jesus" – Composer: Graham Kendrick

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "Present"

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "I Waited, I Waited On The Lord"

– Iona Community

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** "I, The Lord of Sea and Sky"

– Composer: D L Schutte, SJ

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- The number of Covid cases continues to rise in Hong Kong, with 3,674 recorded on Thursday, the highest number since early April. Let us all do our best to maintain good preventative measures for ourselves and those around us. We pray for our city and all its inhabitants as the possibility of the numbers rising is very high.
- Justice is served. A federal border control agency has found that the US border agents on horseback who charged Haitian migrants last year at the border used "unnecessary" force. As a result, several agents have been identified and will face disciplinary action.
- Deforestation of the Amazon rainforest in Brazil has hit a six-year high. Some 3,988 square kilometres of land were cleared in the region in the first six months of the year. Environmentalists blame the increasing levels of deforestation on Brazil's right-wing president, Jair Bolsonaro, who does not see this as a priority. We must protect this wonderful creation God has given us; may God help us as we struggle to make amends for our many mistakes.
- The United Nations Security Council has reauthorised cross-border deliveries of essential aid to rebel-held Syria for the next six months. This aid has been the life source for almost 2.4 million civilians. Let us not forget those trapped by conflict and oppression throughout the world.
- Extreme weather conditions continue to cause problems worldwide, claiming lives and livelihoods. Scorching heat in China and India, torrential rains in the States. May the Creator protect us and keep us safe in all weathers.
- Sri Lanka's President Rajapaksa and his wife fled the country leaving the country in disarray and confusion. Protestors have demanded the resignation of Rajapaksa for months over the devastating economic crisis. Tempers were only further fueled when it was announced Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe would be the new acting president. As the people seek a place of peace and trust with the ability of the government, may those in charge listen and act accordingly.

- We pray for those who have newly graduated and those still awaiting results; may the Lord guide them in their chosen paths.

For the Congregation

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani, Helen Lee and Florence Tse. For Mrs Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Chui, Ramon Bultron and Kevin Ng. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- Pray for members of our community who are now travelling for work or finally able to travel to be with family and friends.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Djibouti and Somalia.

We are thankful for:

- the beauty of Creation and resources from lands and sea
- the stable governance and economic development that Djibouti has experienced in recent years
- the many ways churches and humanitarian organizations have prayed for and responded to the needs in Somalia.

We pray for:

- protection of natural resources and coastal land
- an end to hunger, violence, crime and conflict in Somalia
- effective reconciliation and peace-building
- stable governments that further the common good for all the people
- those who have fled this area that they may be welcomed in new homelands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. We especially welcome our sister in Christ, Justine Wong, who will share the Word of God with us today.

Weekly Programs in Church

Tuesday – Peacemaking Fellowship at 10 am (No. 2 Jordan Road)

Wednesday – Harambe Choir at 6:30 pm

Friday – Bible Study – online at 10:30 am
Junior Choir in KUC at 4 pm

Become a Member of Kowloon Union Church

New members can be received by transfer, bond of union, a restatement of faith, or baptism. Interested in talking about this further? Have a word with our ministers, Phyllis Wong or Maggie Mathieson.

Dates for your Diary:

Next Week - KUC Movie Sunday:

Organised by the Mission, Outreach and Fellowship Committee

“Migrant Women Rise: Stories of Red-Tagged Overseas Filipino Workers”

24 July 2022, 1:30-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Overseas Filipino Workers in Hong Kong risk their lives and reputations as they speak out against the anti-people policies of the Philippine government.

The documentary follows two migrant leaders who are victims of red-tagging under the Duterte Administration as they defend the rights of their fellow migrants while navigating the challenges of life far from home. Directed by Carl Catedral. Produced by Hong Kong Campaign for Human Rights and Peace in the Philippines. Runtime: 70 min.

To register: <https://forms.gle/nsG1u6fAdYfSJKH5A>

Sunday 31 July – ‘A Journey to our Heart - through Mandala Art Workshop’

Facilitated by the Care and Fellowship Committee

Time: 1:30 to 3:30 pm Lower Fellowship Hall

Capacity: Limited to 20 people

Please register using the link below: <https://forms.gle/HdY1uPrdtLu5gJSe6>

	TODAY 17 July	NEXT WEEK 24 July
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Justine Wong	K K Chan
Pianist:	Eric Sin	Jessica Tso
Lector:	Emmanuel Adesina	David Onwufuju
Intercessory Prayers:	Aimé Girimana	Amber Tong
Family Talk:	Maggie Mathieson	Mayson Fung
Greeter:	Kevin Ng plus others	Susana Babasa plus others
Offering Rota:	Doris Lee Chris Wong	Edwina Antonio Harry Chan
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Carl Catedral	Tony Chan

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$3,591.5-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$6,200-
Welfare Fund: HK\$60,000-