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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 August 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship & Holy Communion

(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Lead Me Lord” – Composer: Samuel S Wesley

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN** “Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer”

– Music: John Hughes Words: William Williams

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison”

– Music: Trad Russian Orthodox

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 (OT)

John 6:24-35 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN** “Look and Learn”

– Music: Trad.; Words: Nah Young-Soo

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “O Lord Hear Our Prayer”

– Composer: Taize

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN “Bread of Life from Heaven”

– Music: Trad Argentine Santo / Marty Haugen; Words: Susan R Briehl

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION “Come As You Are & It Is Well”–Viola Solo:Caden Lam

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* **HYMN** “ Halleluya! We Sing Your Praises ” – Trad: South African Folk

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- Thousands of US firefighters are battling a blaze in California that has grown so big it is generating its own weather system, with authorities warning conditions could worsen on Monday. Flames have grown so large that they have created clouds that can cause lightning and high winds, which in turn can serve to fuel the fire. The fires have so far been located in mainly rural areas destroying acres of woodlands and the wildlife. Rural villages located in the area have been evacuated. Firefighters are using many techniques to quell the hungry flames and we pray the Lord will protect and sustain them as they face this task before them.
- Against a backdrop of fires and floods, researchers are meeting virtually to finalise a key climate science study. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is preparing the most comprehensive assessment on the state of global heating since 2013. Over the next two weeks, the scientists will go through their findings line by line with representatives of 195 governments. Experts say the report will be a "wake-up call" to governments. It is hoped this work will be completed and will play an important role in guiding global leaders who will come together in November to deal with this critical issue of climate. This year, though, the panel's report takes place as extreme weather events have shaken the US and Canada, Europe and Asia. The question of the role played by human-induced climate change is being asked more loudly than ever. May God help us as we seek to restore that which has been so wonderfully created and given to us all.
- Intense fighting is being reported in Ethiopia's Amhara region - the latest sign that the war in Tigray is spreading to neighbouring regions. Officials in Amhara said federal soldiers, as well as Amhara regional troops, had been involved in the fighting against rebels of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF). With this continual conflict raging, the government has reiterated that the unilateral ceasefire declared last month has not been suspended. Both sides have accused each other of escalating the conflict; as in all conflicts, it is the innocent and the most vulnerable who suffer the greatest. May God soften the hearts of those adding fuel to this fighting and hatred that all may live in peace.
- In Lebanon, medicine, electricity and fuel are scarce. The country is in the grips of one of the world's worst economic crises in more than a century, its currency has

collapsed and it is estimated that more than half its people can no longer afford enough food. Many families are forced to leave their homes behind and enter into refugee camps to survive this crisis. We pray for the people of Lebanon and those in governance over them that they will listen to the cries of the people and seek the help that is badly needed for all to have enough.

- We thank God for the news that South and North Korea have restored their once-severed hotline and the two countries' leaders have agreed to rebuild trust and improve ties. Both leaders have exchanged multiple letters since April in the hopes to re-establish and reopen the communication channels. High hopes are being pinned on US President Joe Biden to restart negotiations aimed at dismantling North Korea's nuclear and missile programmes. May all that happens in this renewed relationship bring harmony and understanding to the two nations.
- Hong Kong's first security law trial ends with a guilty verdict. Former restaurant worker Tong Ying-kit on Tuesday became the first person to be found guilty of offences under Hong Kong's national security law, as the High Court convicted him of terrorism and inciting secession. Tong has not yet been sentenced the maximum sentence that could be handed down being that of life imprisonment. We pray for leniency for this young man from the judiciary system.
- In an attempt to encourage those over 70 or above to take the coronavirus vaccine the government will introduce a new system making the process much easier for those in that age range. Tickets will be issued daily from 24 community vaccination centres. We pray the simplicity of this new scheme will encourage our senior citizens to receive the inoculation.
- Congratulations team Hong Kong! The Tokyo Olympics have brought some pride back to the territories as our Olympic team has done so very well in the competition. The results have shown the high standard of our athletes and the possibilities of what can be achieved if they have the support of the territory behind them. Let us pray the government will see the potential and create a system that will offer proper training and support to our Athletes.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in

Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe.

- **We are thankful for** wildlife and rainforests in these lands, and those who protect this habitat; the oral traditions, folklore, and good practices that have been preserved; rich minerals and economic development, although benefits need to be shared more fairly; healing from exploitative practices that began under colonial rule.
- **We pray for** democratic fair elections and political stability in this region; economic development that benefits all the people, especially those living in poverty; preservation of the wildlife and the land; the witness of the churches and other faith groups in the midst of the challenges.

For the Congregation

- We remember those near and far in need of our prayers. For all who are facing health challenges and undergoing treatment in hospital and at home. We pray for the healing hand of the Lord to rest on Som, the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, and Mrs Samuel. We continue to remember Doris and her sister Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry the niece of Tory Caplan and Mirasol Bolanos sister of Anjenette.

- We seek your special prayers at this time for our dear sister Jenny Alegre who remains in Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

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

Weekly Programs in Church

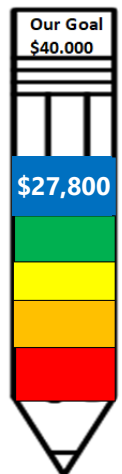
- There will be a Council meeting today following Worship
- **Bible study online Monday at 11:00 a.m.** We are currently studying the New Testament books of 1, 2 & 3 John. Please contact Pastor Maggie if you are interested in joining the study group.
- **Tuesday Peacemaking Fellowship** – 10:30 am @ KUC.
- Next Sunday is Broadcast Sunday – Please come along to church a little earlier and we can run through the hymns for the worship service.

Calling for Volunteers - VBS (9 Aug – 13 Aug from 13:30 - 16:00)

We have come to that time of the year again when we are getting ready for our VBS – Vacation Bible School – This year we will venture to the Castles of the North – Jordan. Volunteers are needed for the preparation of materials as well as helping out during the programme. Your prayers and donations are gratefully received – please talk to Pastor Maggie if you have some time to spare or would like to donate. 😊

Special Appeal

The Peace-Making Ministry is appealing for your support in prayers and donation of funds, for our children within the community. We are launching the Education Fund Appeal – this year our target is to raise \$40,000. The money raised will be used to buy school books, uniforms, shoes and cover non-refundable school fees for our children. No matter how large or small your donation it will make a difference in a child's life. Thank you and God bless. Please see the insert for more detail on how you can donate to this appeal. And check on the fundraising pencil how much has been given already.



TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Liturgist: Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher: Phyllis Wong	Peter Youngblood
Pianist: Han In Kyu - Viola: Caden Lam	Eric Sin
Lector: Paul Wong	Venus Cheng
Intercessory Prayers: Elim Mok	Robert Lam
Family Talk: Maggie Mathieson	Rey Asis
Sunday School: Jaylin Tomitis	Jaylin Tomitis
I.T. Team: Lo Yuk Fai; Modeste	Chris Wong, Monkey Lui
Offering: Doris Lee; Joel Chaukura	Sunita Suna, Harry Chan
Greeter: Nam Boo Won; Kevin Ng Muriel Orevillo-Montenegro	Lucy Lim, Kurt Law
Last Sunday's offering: \$1669 Promissory offering: \$7200 Ret. Offering: \$650 Education Fund: \$6000 Flowers: \$ 709 VBS: \$1000	