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Second Sunday after Pentecost
6 June 2021 at 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship & Holy Communion
(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Lead Me Lord”

– Composer: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “Praise to the Lord”

– Music: Loben Den Herren; Lyrics: Joachim Neander

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Change My Heart O God” – Composer: Ed Spinoza

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW COUNCIL

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 138 (OT)

Mark 3:20-35 (OT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “Come As You Are”

– Composer: Deidre Browne

BAPTISM OF ANGELINE, CADEN, DAVID, JUNE AND LOUIS

SERMON “Making of God’s Kindom on Earth”

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 “Lord, How Can I Repay?” – Composer: John Glynn

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* **HYMN** “Community of Christ”

– Music: Leoni; Lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

For the World and Hong Kong

- Australia's second-most populous state Victoria has announced that they will enter into another week of lockdown as they struggle to contain a growing virus outbreak. The variant has now been named the Kappa Variant by the World Health Organisation. We continue our prayers for all people throughout the world living and serving through this time of pandemic.
- As we here in Hong lavish in the availability of vaccines and the choice to take or not, let us not forget those who have no vaccine and no choice, those in developing countries.
- In Canada, the remains of 215 indigenous children were unearthed in an unmarked grave. The children had been taken from their families and placed into a residential boarding school. In doing so the Government aimed to assimilate the children to a western lifestyle yet destroying their native identity and culture. We

pray that the authorities will handle this with the sensitivity and justice that it deserves as families seek to find those taken from them among the dead.

- Several shipping incidents have and will deeply affect the environment and ocean floors. In Iran, a naval ship sank in the Gulf of Oman after catching fire. The ship was full of fuel and other supplies which now lie on the ocean floor. In Sri Lanka, a container ship carrying tonnes of chemicals and plastics and with several tonnes of oil still in the tanks caught fire and burned for 13 days before sinking off the coast of Sri Lanka. Much of the cargo has spilt out of the vessel and has already inundated the beaches. The oil that the ship carried is still contained in the ship and fears are rising of it leaking. Closer to home, a barge carrying waste metal caught fire off Tsing Yi billowing acrid fumes into the air. The fire burned for over 15 hours with the fumes reaching many parts of Hong Kong and causing some people discomfort. By God's grace, no crew members have been lost in these incidents but the effect on the environment is massive.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Botswana and Zimbabwe**.
- **We are thankful for** the prophetic witness of churches to protest injustices and advocate good governance; efforts that have been made to stem the spread of HIV and AIDS and to treat those affected; economic progress that improves the lives of all; the iconic animals and minerals in these lands and measures to protect them from being exploited.
- **We pray for** fair election of democratic governments to counter instability, violence and human rights abuses; stable economies that enable all people to prosper and live in justice and peace; effective measures to improve the health and life expectancy of all; the biodiversity and animals present in these lands, and measures to preserve them; the herders and farmers who continue to raise cattle and food, despite droughts and desertification.

For the Congregation

- We thank God and pray God's blessing on our newly commissioned Council and our newly baptized.
- Pastor Phyllis will take annual leave from 7 – 11 June. Pastor Maggie will be available during this time should you need any pastoral help.
- We continue to pray for those at home and those in the hospital at this time. We especially remember our senior members and ask that you pray for Ate Jenny Alegre, who continues her rehabilitation care in Kowloon Hospital. Jenny celebrated her birthday on 2 June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome, all who join our Sunday Worship in person and through Facebook live streaming today. We officially welcome today our summer intern Elim Mok.

Congratulations and welcome to the KUC community our newly baptized members: Angeline, Caden, David, June and Louis!

Mid Week Guided Meditation

We will take a summer break from our mid-week guided meditation. Our Lectio Divina session will resume in August. If this interests you and you would like to know more about Lectio Divina please visit our web page kuc.hk/lectio for more information.

World Refugee Day 2021: Sat, 19 June @ 2-4 pm

The Refugee Ministry Group will organize an event to demonstrate solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers. The theme this year is "**Stand Together In Hope**". Our Harambe Choir will sing at the event. Come and join us! Venue: Church of Christ in China - Wanchai Church.

Weekly Programs in Church

- Bible study online at 10:30 am on Friday. Contact person: Pastor Maggie
- The Church Council will meet on 13 June, next Sunday after worship.
Please remember the Council in your prayers in their service to God.

Emergency Relief Fund Support to India

With the funding support from the HK Christian Council and KUC's budget on Emergency Fund, the MOE Committee has endorsed sending funds to the organizations and churches named below in India for emergency relief programs. May the people who are in desperate situations receive the basic necessities and God's love revealed through the churches' actions of kindness. House Church of Migrant Labourers of Odisha, Bangalore; Village Church of West Bengal; MAHIMA INDIA (West Bengal); Positive Way Welfare Society; Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church, Odisha; Love India Organization, Odisha.

Donation/Offering to the Church

We have continued to receive funding requests from our Mission Partners in India. We are also aware that other countries in Asia are in great need to address the Covid-19 Pandemic crisis. More funds will be needed to support our sisters and brothers. If you wish to make a donation/offering to the special appeal for Covid-19 Emergency Fund and the church for our ministries, you may go to the link www.kuc.hk/giving for details.

	TODAY - Holy Communion
Liturgist and Celebrant:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Eric Sin
Lector:	Paul Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Hope Antone
Family Talk	No family talk
Sunday School	Hugo Lo, Lydia Cathedral
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai, Modeste
Offering	Cynthia Leung, Rey Asis

Last Sunday's offering: \$22,882
Welfare fund ; \$ 5,000

Promissory offering last week: \$3,000
Retiring offering Covid fund ; \$4,452