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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

4 July 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship & Holy Communion

(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Holy Spirit Come To Us”

Composer: Bro Roger, 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 “Kyrie Eleison”

Music: 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.

Ezekiel 2: 1 – 5 (OT)

2 Corinthians 12: 2 – 10 (NT)

Mark 6: 1 – 13 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN** “Creator God”

Composer: Margaret Rizza; Arr Paul L.Wright

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas”

Composer: Bro Roger, Taize

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN “Bread Of Life From Heaven”

Music: Argentine Santo/Break Now the Bread; Words: S. R. Briehl, M. Haugen

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*** HYMN “Go Tell Everyone”**

Composers: A. Dale/ H. Richards

*** COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- Several cities and countries have once again been forced to undergo a period of lockdown as Covid -19 flares its head once again bringing all activities to a halt. We continue to pray for the protection and health of those who tirelessly face the challenges of the virus on the front line. We give thanks for the actions of the Malaysian Government who have made some provisions for the people living in lockdown. We pray other countries would follow suit or increase what aid they are providing.
- In Hong Kong, a leading microbiologist has shared the importance of the enforcement of ‘Flight Bans’ into Hong Kong. If the territory wishes to maintain its high record of success in limiting the spread of the contagious Delta Covid- 19 variant these need to be enforced. Though we are all grateful for a safer environment let us not forget those who have been ‘stuck’ in countries overseas and not able to return to their homeland and those desperate to reunite with family.
- A band of scorching heat stretching from the US state of Oregon to Canada's Arctic territories has been blamed on a high-pressure ridge trapping warm air in the region. With is the heat has caused many unexpected deaths as temperatures have soared beyond belief. It is hoped that there will be a ‘break’ in the pressure ridge that will bring relief to all, until that happens may God protect those submitted to the heat and bring comfort to those who have lost loved ones.
- At least 751 unmarked graves at the former Marieval Indian Residential School in Saskatchewan province, have been unearthed, the second such discovery in less than a month. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has asked Pope Francis to come to Canada and apologise for abuses at government-funded, Catholic church-run schools. Trudeau has apologised for "harmful government policies" and did not rule out a criminal probe. Let us hold these people in prayer, that they may find a way of peace for those who have died and the living.
- The United Nations once again has launched an urgent appeal for access to aid the people of Tigray as tens of thousands suffer, cut off from receiving any aid of any kind. Roads are closed, telecommunications no longer exist, there is no electrical power reaching the area, all portable means of creating power are long out of fuel. We pray for those locked within this man-made trap that the aid that is needed can get through to them and those bringing that aid will be protected in their work.

- The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights set out a four-point agenda for transformative change on racial justice and equality and urged states to implement it. After George Floyd's death, the UN Human Rights Office was mandated in June last year to produce a comprehensive report on systemic racism, human rights violations by law enforcement agencies against Black people, and government responses to peaceful anti-racism protests. It is our greatest hope that the world takes heed of this report and works towards this transformative action.
- RTHK has recently lost yet another of its senior Journalists as Steve Vines has announced he will resign from his position citing the national security law as the main reason for his actions. Since the national security law took effect a year ago, the public broadcaster has seen the departure of several senior executives and high-profile programme hosts. On Sunday evening former senior Apple Daily journalist Fung Wai-kwong, was arrested at the Airport for "conspiring to collude with foreign countries or foreign forces to endanger national security". We thank God for these men and others who have stood up and spoken out for all they believe is right and just. May the truth be heard and justice prevail.
- We give thanks to God for the witness, service and dedication shown in the work of the United Filipinos in Hong Kong - Migrante as they celebrate 36 years of advocacy for Migrant workers in Hong Kong. We thank all who have worked tirelessly in defence of those with no voice here in Hong Kong to make living and working conditions better. May God continue to bless this important work, the workers and those who have benefitted from this vital service.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda.**
- **We are thankful for** how the churches in Sudan and in South Sudan, as well as Ecumenical Network Sudan, have consistently pursued peace processes, healing and reconciliation in these war-ravaged countries; those who work to bring justice for the victims of genocide and war crimes, including the International Criminal Court; the many who carry out humanitarian work in these countries and who settle those who are displaced; the economic progress and peacebuilding that has occurred in Uganda, and for effective measures to curb the spread of HIV and AIDS.
- **We pray for** a cessation of ethnic animosities and violence and increased understanding between ethnic and religious groups; an end to the rape and practices of genital mutilation of girls and women; governments to respect the will and best interests of their people and the human rights of all; natural resources to be preserved and the land saved from further desertification.

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 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, we remember Rachel Tan niece of Lucy Lim, Rachel Perry the niece of Tory Caplan and Mirasol Bolanos sister of Anjanette.
- We seek your special prayers at this time for our dear sister Jenny Alegre who has been transferred back to Queen Elizabeth Hospital for further treatment.

- We thank God for the safe arrival of baby Aaron, the fourth child of Cecilia and Albert.

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

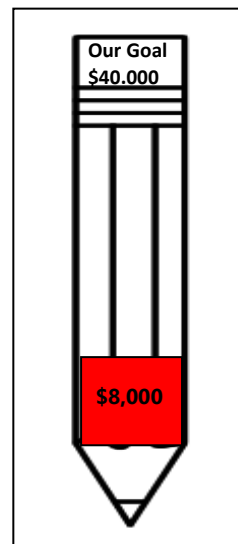
- **Following Worship today - Talk on Immigration (Amendment) Law**
There will be a talk shared today on the Immigration Amendment law following worship. The talk will be given by Rachel Li a local lawyer familiar with this topic. The talk will be held from 1 pm – 2:30 pm.
All are welcome to join.
- **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 Evening** – The monthly Taize Prayer resumes this week on Tuesday 6th July. Prayers will begin at 7 pm.

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	
Liturgist and Celebrant:	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Peter Youngblood
Pianist:	Han In Kyu
Lector:	Vivian Lee
Intercessory Prayers:	Robert Lam
Family Talk:	Maggie Mathieson
Sunday School:	Jaylin Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Chris Wong, Modeste
Offering:	Aimé Girimana; Mercy Matilda; Kevin Ng

Last Sunday's offering: \$ 2850.30	Education Fund: \$8000.00
Promissory offering last week: \$ 9,500	Retiring Offering: \$2580.00