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WHERE ALL ARE ONE

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14 August 2022
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Wait For the Lord” – Music: Taize Community
*** CALL TO WORSHIP**
*** HYMN** “Creator God” – Composer: Margaret Rizza
CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison” (Lord, have mercy) – Trad. Russian Orthodox
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

*** HYMN** “Refiners Fire” – Composer: Brian Doerksen

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Hebrews 11: 29 – 12:2 (N.T.)

Luke 12: 49 – 56 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN** “Seek Ye First” – Composer: Karen Lafferty

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "In The Lord"

– Music: Taize Community

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** "People Need The Lord" – Composers: Greg Nelson & Phil McHugh

* **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 remained high this week in the territory. Let us not forget to pray for all dealing with the virus and pray for God's comfort and peace for those who have lost a loved one.
- United States intelligence sources are certain that the Syrian government is holding American journalist Austin Tice who was abducted ten years ago. President Biden has appealed for cooperation to 'bring him home.' We remember this young man's family and pray that a reunion will be possible.
- Global warming is seriously affecting the water supply for one of the world's most important waterways, the Panama Canal, and drinking water for millions of Panamanians. The artificial lake that feeds this engineering feat is not being refilled from its sources, making operations increasingly difficult for those governing the canal. Pray for a sustainable solution for all affected.
- Foreign ministers from the G7 group of nations say Russia must immediately hand back control of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant to Ukraine. The safety of all is in question as it continues to be used as a military base. May God have mercy on all.
- An Israeli public transport firm has apologized after it was revealed that 50 Palestinian workers were forced to get off one of its buses. Three Orthodox Jews entered the bus, one posing as a transport ministry official and threatened the driver with formal action if he did not comply. The driver took action even though there is a law stating there is no segregation on public transport. Pray for justice to be carried out in this case of racism and segregation.
- The monsoons first hit Pakistan in mid-June, and the rains have not stopped, bringing 133% more rain than the annual average. As a result, over 500 people have lost their lives, and close to 50,000 houses have been damaged or destroyed, particularly in rural areas where traditional building methods are still practised, with the floods taking everything. We pray for those who have

lost their lives and livelihood, those who will work on rebuilding, and God's blessing and strength.

- There are growing cases of "a vector-borne pox disease" in the western state of Gujarat, India, among the cattle population. The infection's cause is the Capripox virus and has been termed as "an emerging threat to livestock worldwide" by health partnership Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Pray that an antidote can be found and made available for all farmers.
- We thank God for the new quarantine measures introduced by the government and pray for everyone's safety when travelling and returning to the territory.
- Congratulations to the 15,800 applicants who have been granted a university place in the Joint University Programmes Admissions System. 39,523 students were vying for an offer this year. We pray for those who were not successful in their applications that they can find an alternative institution for further education.

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, Kevin Ng, Lucy Lim and Stella Chan. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger.

We are **thankful** for:

- the heritage of ancient trade routes, rich oral traditions and nomadic practices of people in the lands these countries now occupy
- humanitarian work to improve food security and livelihoods, especially for women
- pro-active efforts to preserve the environment in these desert lands
- welcome and provision for those who often must flee across borders.

We **pray** for:

- those impoverished who lack basic needs and rights, that these will be met
- desperate children and others who turn to crime or begging or become enslaved
- effective response to the frequent droughts and hunger in this area
- more stable political rule in these countries to stem violence and provide for all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming.

Weekly Programs in Church

- Tuesday – Peacemaking Fellowship at 10:00 am (No. 2 Jordan Road)
Wednesday – Harambe Choir at 6:30 pm
– Lectio Divina – online at 8:00 pm
Friday – Bible Study – online at 10:30 am
– Junior Choir in KUC at 4:00 pm

Lectio Divina

Join us for our monthly practice of Lectio Divina this Wednesday, 17 August, from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We'll be meeting online via Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join! Visit kuc.hk/lectio for more information and to register.

Flowers in Church

If you would like to arrange the flowers in Church, please sign up on the Flower Chart on the Notice board.

Special Appeal – The Education Fund

The Peace-Making Ministry is appealing for your support in prayers and donation of funds for children within the community. Once again, this year, our target is to raise \$40,000. The money raised will be used to buy school books, uniforms, and shoes and covers 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 or the notice board for more details on how you can donate to this appeal.

	TODAY 14 August	NEXT WEEK 21 August
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Aimé Girimana	Muriel Orevillo Montenegro
Pianist:	Jessica Tso	Joshua Pang
Lector:	Paul Wong	Blessing Lukuba
Intercessory Prayers:	Hope Antone	Chan Beng Seng
Family Talk:	Lydia Cathedral & Words of Farewell	Mayson Fung
Greeter:	Edwina Antonio plus others	Kevin Ng plus others
Offering Rota:	Guy Syrett Susana Babasa	Vivian Lee Rachel Wangari
Counting Rota	Edwina Antonio Harry Chan	Paul Wong Aimé Girimana
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Lydia Cathedral
I.T. Team:	Tong Chong Sze/Jen Pang	Tony Chan

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$2,566-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$1,000-
Overall Education Fund: HK\$34,200-