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**21 August 2022**

**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

(\* : Congregation stands)

### **APPROACH**

**PREPARATION SONG** “Wait for The Lord ”

– Music: Taize Community

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

– Music: John Hughes; Words: W Williams

**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** “Be Still and Know”

– Music: Anon arr. Eric Wyse

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Isaiah 58: 9 – 14 (O.T.)

Luke 13: 10 – 17 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for Your glory.**

\* **HYMN** “A Touching Place” – Music: Trad Folk; Words: J. L Bell & G Maule

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON** “If you remove the yoke from among you...”

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## THE OFFERTORY

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL RESPOND** "Ubi Caritas" ('Where charity and love are, God is there')

– Music: Taize Community

**OFFERTORY**

**THE PEACE**

\* **HYMN** "God of Freedom, God of Justice"– Music: Trad, Words: Shirley E Murray

\* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

**Please remember as you pray. . .**

- This week in Hong Kong, we have seen the case numbers for Covid are still high. We particularly remember the families of those who have lost loved ones to the virus and those who dedicate their lives to serving others at home, in care homes and in hospitals.
- Rescue attempts for ten trapped miners in a Mexican mine are delayed as the water levels trapping them rose again. The miners have been trapped since 3 August, and there is no way of knowing their condition. Lord, please comfort those who wait anxiously for news of their loved ones.
- Religious persecution throughout the world rears its ugly head way too often. Russia is facing the mass migration of large numbers of its Jewish population who fear persecution in the country, mainly as they have witnessed the growing conflict in Ukraine. In Afghanistan, lives were lost after a deadly blast in a mosque in Kabul. We pray God will help us to strive for unity and understanding in our world.
- A group of 38 migrants have been found stranded on a tiny unnamed island on the Evros river islet, along the Turkish- Greek border. All are from Syria and have been on the island since mid-July. One child did not survive; all others are well. May God find a place for them to feel safe and secure.
- A YouTube channel in India unites Indians and Pakistanis separated by the 1947 partition. Hundreds of thousands from both countries have joined the group hoping to reunite with loved ones again. It is indeed a blessing to see social media used in such a positive way. May God bless this venture so that more will be blessed.
- Approximately 40 million trees died of thirst in 2015, about 10% of Australia's vast mangrove forest in the Gulf of Carpentaria. Scientists have now linked this phenomenon with the effects of El Nino as the sea levels

dropped. They warn the struggle to recover from such a situation will be great in the continuing climate changes. Help us, Lord, to seek solutions to correct all the wrongs we have done to our environment.

- In Hong Kong, a former school teacher is sentenced to nine months in prison for participating in an illegal assembly at the start of the social unrest three years ago. Though he has led an exemplary life since the incident and has taken full responsibility for his actions, he has been doxxed, he and his family harassed over the phone and forced to quit his job. May those who harassed consider what they have done and allow the law to be enforced justly and correctly.
- The Housing Authority of Hong Kong has approved raising public housing rent by 1.17 percent but has considered the hardship of the last few years and will waive the extra payment for a year. Thanks be to God for this humane approach taken by those in leadership. We pray other departments and organizations will follow this example.

### **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 Liberia and Sierra Leone.

We are **thankful** for:

- the natural resources in these countries, that they might benefit the peace and welfare of all
- the diverse ethnic and religious groups who long have lived together in peace and harmony, especially the Muslims and Christians in Sierra Leone
- democratic election of leaders who have brought political stability and accountability
- how diseases such as Ebola have been brought under control.

We **pray** for:

- the churches in these countries, for their evangelism and social outreach, faithful witness and action in times of conflict, and for interfaith cooperation with others
- the majority of the people who are still impoverished, that adequate services and policies will be provided that enable them to live with dignity and good health
- more just governance, free of corruption, accountable to the people, and that manages resources in ways that benefit all.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. A special thank you to our preacher for today, Dr. Muriel Orevillo Montenegro.

### Weekly Programs in Church

Tuesday – Peacemaking Fellowship at 10:00 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 4:00 pm

### Next Sunday in Church

Next Sunday, we will share our worship service on the radio! Yes, next Sunday will be broadcast Sunday. Please try to be here a little earlier, and we can practice our hymns for worship together.

### 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.

	<b>TODAY 21 August</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 28 August</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Muriel Orevillo Montenegro	Hope Antone
Pianist:	Joshua Pang	Eva Kwan
Lector:	Blessing Lukuba	Doris Lee
Intercessory Prayers:	Chan Beng Seng	Robert Lam
Family Talk:	Mayson Fung	Tong Chong Sze
Greeter:	Kevin Ng plus others	Amber Tong plus others
Offering Rota:	Vivian Lee Rachel Wangari	Stephanie Mumbi Anjenette Bolaños
Counting Rota	Paul Wong Aimé Girimana	Paul Wong Jennifer Chan
Sunday School Leaders:	Lydia Catedral	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Tony Chan	Lo Yuk Fai

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$4,918.50-  
Promissory offering last week: HK\$2,700-  
Education Fund: HK\$42,800-