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“Where all are one”

28 August 2022
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Radio Broadcast Service
(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Lead Me Lord” – Composer: SS Wesley
*** CALL TO WORSHIP**
*** HYMN** “Gather Us In” – Composer: Marty Haugen
CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ALL RESPOND “Change My Heart O God” – Composer: E Spinosa
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

*** HYMN** “Great Is Your Faithfulness”
– Music: W Runyan; Lyrics: T Chisholm

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 112 (OT)
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (NT)
Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN** “When I Needed a Neighbour” – Composer: S B Carter

FAMILY TALK

SERMON “Being Guests and Hosts ”

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -**

THE OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "O Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

– Music: Taize

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** "All Are Welcome"

– Composer: Marty Haugen

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

Off Air

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT

UCCP DANCERS "Shout to the Lord"

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- American President Joe Biden has announced that most university graduates still trying to pay off student loans will receive US\$10,000 each to help ease the burden of debt. May other governments with the resources and the power to do so follow suit.
- Israeli troops have sealed and shut the offices of several Palestinian human rights and aid organisations, designating them as terrorist organisations. We pray the services they provide will be able to continue in some way and evidence be found to prove these accusations false.
- Qatar has deported at least 60 migrant workers who protested unpaid wages. Some of those protesting had not received salaries for up to seven months. According to the law in Qatar, an insurance system has been in place to protect workers from this happening. Most of the workers are from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Philippines. Pray that justice will win, and these men will receive their total wages.
- After a five-month humanitarian truce, fierce fighting erupted between the government and regional Tigrayan forces in northern Ethiopia. Both sides blame each other for the resurgence in fighting. Unfortunately, the innocent people caught in the crossfire are the ones who will suffer the most. We pray that people can return to the negotiating table and rebuild their lost hope.
- Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong has announced the repeal of a colonial-era law criminalisation of same-gender relationships. However, the government will continue to recognise marriage as between a man and a woman. We pray this news will free those living in fear because their love does not fit the accepted model.
- Areas of China are facing the real threat of drought, acres of crops are worthless as the high temperatures continue and the rains do not come. China is mobilising rocket launchers to seed the clouds with chemicals to induce rainfall. We pray that all action taken was done with the greatest care and concern.

- In the last week, the number of Covid cases has risen past the 7000 mark. As a result, government officials are again asking Hong Kong people to avoid large gatherings involving mask-less activities. A total of 5000 beds have been set aside for the use of Covid patients. May God protect and energise those working on the front line in hospitals and care facilities and those caring for others in the home.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Today, we lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in **Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal.**

We are **thankful** for:

- the many ways in which these countries have moved beyond their colonial histories, especially the scars related to the slave trade
- this area's distinctive music and cultural practices of storytelling (*griots*)
- economic and educational advances that have lifted some out of poverty
- promising transitions into democracy and changes in government leaders
- the persistent, faithful witness of churches in the midst of other faiths.

We **pray** for:

- those people in these societies who continue to live in abject poverty
- an end to policies, systems, and cultural practices that continue to exploit and marginalize some groups
- the fair election of more just government leaders who respect the rights of all people
- faith communities witnessing and working together for the common good.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Alex Melwani, Helen Lee and Florence Tse's mothers, Mrs Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ramon Bultron, Kevin Ng, Lucy Lim and Stella Chan. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- Pray that Lucy's surgery has been successful and pray for her follow-up treatment. We also remember the extended family members as they mourn the loss of the Patriarch of the family, Chung Yoke Chin. We thank God for the 105 years he was with us. May God's love enfold the family during these challenging times.
- We remember Cecilia and her extended family as they mourn the loss Albert's mother, Betty Lam, who passed away this week after a long illness. May the comforting hand of God rest on each of them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. Special thanks this morning to our preacher Dr. Hope Antone. Today our worship will be aired on RTHK. You may listen to it on RTHK archives afterwards (www.rthk.hk – search under “Church Service”).

Weekly Programs in Church

- Sunday - Council meeting at 12:30 pm, Upper Fellowship Hall
Tuesday - Peacemaking Fellowship (boat trip)
Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:30 pm
Friday - Bible Study – online at 10:30 am
Junior Choir in KUC at 4:00 pm

A Message from Chris and Des

Dear friends, by the time you read this message, Desmond and I had already landed in Brisbane, Australia, to start our new chapter. Please accept my apology if we can't say goodbye to you one by one. I wish you all the best and will see you all very soon. We will definitely come back to visit you all whenever we visit Hong Kong in the future. With love, Chris

Special Appeal – The Education Fund

Friends, we can be very proud of ourselves as we have reached our goal plus a bonus. The final fund raised is \$45,000. Thank you to everyone who gave to the fund. Please let us know if you have yet to receive a receipt.

A Date for your Diary – KUC Recreational Camp

Date: Sunday 18 Sept 2022 Time: 12:30 - 8pm
Pick up/drop off: outside KUC Venue: Baptist Assembly, Fanling
Fee: to be confirmed Registration: link will be announced soon
Estimated Quota: 40

The Camp's objective is to relax and bond with one another in the fellowship of Christ and to connect with God through a joyful spirit.

	TODAY 28 August	NEXT WEEK 04 September
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Hope Antone	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Eva Kwan	TBC
Lector:	Doris Lee	Harry Chan
Intercessory Prayers:	Robert Lam	Tong Chong Sze
Family Talk:	Tong Chong Sze	Chan Beng Seng
Greeter:	Amber Tong plus others	Chris Law plus others
Offering Rota:	Stephanie Mumbi Anjenette Bolaños	Journaliz Badon Emmanuel Adesina
Counting Rota	Paul Wong Jennifer Chan	Chan Beng Seng Jennifer Chan
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai	TBC

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$4,029.50-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$2,800-
Education Fund: HK\$45,000