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4 September 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Be Still and Know” – Composers: L Harrington & T Fetteke

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “God is Love, Let Heav’n Adore Him”

–Music: Cyril V Taylor Words: Timothy Rees

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Change My Heart”

–Composer: Ed Espinosa

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

HARAMBE “Nanuma”

– Ghanaian Folk Song

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 1 (O.T.)

Luke 14: 25 - 33 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “O Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

– Music: Taize Community

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

HYMN “Bread of Life from Heaven”– Composers: Susan R Briehl & Marty Haugen

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* **HYMN** “In Christ Alone”

–Composers: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Over 50,000 monkeypox cases have been recorded in the current global outbreak. However, the figures presented by the World Health Organisation showed that transmission is slowing down in the virus hotspots of Europe and the United States. We thank God that the decline in new infections proves that taking the right action can bring this virus to a halt. May God be with those who have lost loved ones and those dealing with the illness.
- The weather throughout the world is causing havoc and loss. Monsoon rains have caused devastating floods in Pakistan, claiming many lives, leaving millions homeless, destroying buildings, bridges and roads and leaving vast swathes of the country under water. After months of dry, hot weather, people in Spain were caught in a frenzy of giant hailstones, causing damage to property and claiming lives. In China and East Africa, drought has consumed most crops for the coming year. Pray for relief and action for those affected by environmental disasters near and far.
- Palestinian residents in the West Bank town of Masafer Yatta fear the threat of mass eviction from their land and homes of centuries. Israeli forces are closing in on the town. Houses on the outskirts of the town are being demolished, and the army confiscates sheep and cattle too. The United Nations have already declared that such action is illegal and they have no right to do so, but still, it is happening, all to make way for new Israeli settlements. Let the world take note once again of these wrongs and do something to make them right!
- In the second case of its kind this month, activists say, a Saudi woman has been sentenced to 45 years in prison for her social media posts. It is believed this woman only posted a comment criticising the Saudi leaders. Several other female activists are being held under similar charges, and it's feared that they will also be given such

lengthy sentences. We pray for the safety of all global activists who dare to speak out and face the unjust systems against whom they campaign.

- After being held captive in Burkina Faso for five months, Catholic nun Sister Suellen Tennyson has been released and is said to be in good health. However, who is responsible for taking the nun captive is not known. We thank God for Sr. Suellen's safe return and pray for complete renewal of her body, mind and spirit.
- As the world struggles with the pandemic, we uphold our prayers and concerns for all involved. Here in Hong Kong, the daily number of infected people has passed 10,000. The dominant strain BA.5 is highly transmittable, and case numbers will remain high. Let us strive to do our best for our neighbours and ourselves.
- The children have returned to school this week in Hong Kong, and a new term begins. We pray they can enjoy a full term with no stoppages of face-to-face classes. All classes will be half day only, and schools will require 90% of her pupils to have two Covid shots. The requirement for a whole day class is to be tightened to three shots this November. May all students and staff keep strong and healthy.

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.
- We thank God for the progress we see in Lucy's recovery from her surgery. She is now resting and gaining strength at home before her follow-up treatment begins.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Benin, Cote d'Ivoire and Togo.

We are **thankful** for:

- the beauty, natural resources, wildlife and different cultures in these countries
- the produce that small farmers continue to grow amid environmental and other hardships
- the spiritual vitality and growth of the churches and how they are cooperating with each other and those of other faiths and practices
- the relative peace and stability that prevails after long years of civil war and political struggle.

We **pray** for:

- more democratic governments that are free of corruption and that prioritise what the people most need
- those working to alleviate the poverty, illiteracy and hunger that so many in these countries still experience
- churches faithfully bringing the gospel to and serving all people with greater respect for how those of other faiths express their spirituality
- emotional and physical healing and restoring hope in people who are victims of conflict, disease and human rights abuses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Weekly Programs in Church

- Sunday - Worship Advisory Group meeting at 12:30pm, Upper Fellowship Hall
Tuesday - Peacemaking Fellowship (Number 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

Taize Prayer

Tuesday at 7:30 pm here in Kowloon Union Church. All are welcome!

Dates 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: \$50 adult, \$20 children

Registration: See poster

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.

KUC Movie Sunday – Presented by MOE

Date: Sunday 25 September

Movie Title: “Dolores”

Dolores Huerta is among American history's most important yet least known activists. An equal partner in co-founding the first farm workers unions with Cesar Chavez, her enormous contributions have gone largely unrecognised.

	TODAY 4 September	NEXT WEEK 11 September
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist:	Eva Kwan	Jessica Tso
Lector:	Harry Chan	Ben Baxter
Intercessory Prayers:	Tong Chong Sze	Aimé Girimana
Family Talk:	Chan Beng Seng	Mayson Fung
Greeter:	Chris Law plus others	Edwina Antonio
Offering Rota:	Journaliz Badon Emmanuel Adesina	Venus Cheng Rod Lam
Counting Rota	Chan Beng Seng Jennifer Chan	Edwina Antonio Hope Antone
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai	Carl Catedral
Last Sunday's offering: HK\$3,523- Promissory offering last week: HK\$6,600- Retiring offering: HK\$1,380-		