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**11 September 2022**  
**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
(\* : Congregation stands)

### **APPROACH**

**PREPARATION SONG** “Bless the Lord” – Music: 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** “Change My Heart” – Composer : Eddie Espinosa  
**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

**\* HYMN** “Praise, I Will Praise You Lord” – Composers: C Frayssé & K I Morse

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Psalm 51: 1 – 10 (O.T.)

1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17 (N.T.)

Luke 15: 1 – 10 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

**\* HYMN** “Come As You Are” – Composer : Deidre Brown

### **FAMILY TALK**

### **SERMON**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## THE OFFERTORY

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "O Lord Hear Our Prayer"

– Music: Taize Community

### OFFERTORY

### THE PEACE

\* HYMN "Christ Be in My Waking"

– Composers: S Townend & S Brading

\* COMMISSION and BLESSING

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

- The United Nations has accused China of "serious human rights violations" in a long-awaited report into allegations of abuse in Xinjiang province. Particularly there are claims of mistreatment against Uyghur Muslims and other ethnic minorities, all of which China denies. Let us not ignore what has been so well documented in many areas. May God grant us the strength to speak up for those with no voice of their own.
- Appeals from Kyiv concerning the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant after a recent report presented by the International Atomic Energy Agency called for "the immediate establishment of a nuclear safety and security protection zone" around the plant facing an "untenable" situation. Ukraine is seeking the help of the United Nations to extract safely the troops encamped in the plant and to evacuate all living in the area to new locations 30 kilometres away. This is a matter of urgency as shells continue to fall close to the plant; if any are direct hits, the results would be disastrous for Ukraine and the neighbouring countries. May the Lord have mercy on all.
- Women farmers are turning rice farming into wealth in Sierra Leone, moving from the more fertile traditional agricultural sites to the swamp lands by carving them into rice paddies. We commend what these women have achieved in the face of land loss, war and violence. Pray that more may follow their example and pursue projects using God's abundant ecosystem in creative ways.
- Eighteen victims of human trafficking have been rescued from a life of slavery. The group was discovered in a house on the outskirts of Nairobi, bound for a destination in the Gulf Nations. Many still face the fears of slavery and 'bonded labour'. May God protect those who are now living in such conditions.
- Reports have shown that water levels in Pakistan's largest lake are starting to recede after last-ditch attempts to prevent it from bursting its banks. We thank God for this mercy, enabling more of the stranded to be rescued.
- A 6.8 magnitude earthquake hit Luding County in southwest Sichuan Province on Monday. Almost 100 people have lost their lives, and many remain missing. In addition, over 250 people are injured, requiring medical aid. However, thanks to the immediate action of the authorities, communication channels have been cleared and

opened, making recovery actions much more accessible. As recovery efforts continue, may those involved be energised and strengthened for the task.

- This week, the daily case number of Covid cases has broken the 10,000 mark. Almost 3000 Covid patients are in the hospital system, with 16 fatalities. The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has ordered class suspensions at 22 schools hit by Covid-19 infections. Individual schools have also taken action to suspend classes within the school. We pray continuously for all who are so dedicated in dealing with Covid-19 in its many forms.
- We pray for those involved in the industrial accident in Sau Mau Ping on Wednesday. Three workers have lost their lives, and six others were injured. We pray for the families of all; may God's comfort be on each one as they grieve the loss of loved ones and seek answers to why this happened.
- The courts in Hong Kong are now sentencing many of the people involved in the movement in 2019. We pray that each case will be dealt with justly and fairly.

### **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 success of Kevin Ng's surgery. Let us continue to pray as he regains his strength.

### **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in **Ghana and Nigeria**.

### **We are thankful for:**

- Christians and Muslims who take risks to work for dialogue and reconciliation, and people of disparate ethnic groups who strive together for the common good
- Churches who have been faithful in spreading the Good News, serving the people and pursuing justice in these societies
- Economic growth from natural resources, where it benefits all people – and especially the poor – in these nations
- How people, especially in Nigeria, have been sustained by God in the face of attacks and violence in the context of the movement of population groups and from extremist elements like Boko Haram.

### **We pray for:**

- Those affected by violence and terrorism, and that such violent attacks might cease
- Leaders of churches, that they might speak out courageously against political, social and economic injustices
- Just and peaceful relations between members of different ethnic groups and between Muslims and Christians
- Those who suffer from malnutrition and diseases such as malaria, whooping cough and HIV and AIDS
- Better stewardship of the environment and natural resources.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Today**

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

## This Week's Programs in Church

- Sunday - Council Meeting at 1 pm, Upper Fellowship Hall  
 Tuesday - Peacemaking Fellowship (Number 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 on Wednesday, 14 September from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We'll be meeting online via Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join! Visit [kuc.hk/lectio](http://kuc.hk/lectio) for more information and to register.

### 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

Please join us on Sunday 25 September, for KUC Movie Sunday!  
 The film we will watch is *Delores* (2017), a documentary about the life and work of Delores Huerta, one of the co-founders of the United Farm Workers Union (along with Cesar Chavez) and a long-time community organiser and activist working for justice and social change. This inspiring film also shows some of the personal costs she and her family bore (and bear); **runtime: 95 min.**

Time: 1:30- 3:30 p.m. Venue: Upper Fellowship Hall

	<b>TODAY 11 September</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 18 September</b>
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Maggie Mathieson	Carl Cathedral
Pianist:	Jessica Tso	Joshua Pang
Lector:	Ben Baxter	Divine Mmaduabuchukwu Amber Tong Ramon Bultron
Intercessory Prayers:	Cecilia Yeung	Judy Chan
Family Talk:	Mayson Fung	Lydia Cathedral
Greeter:	Edwina Antonio	Emmanuel Adesina
Offering Rota:	Venus Cheng Rod Lam	Susana Babassa Anjeanette Bolanos
Counting Rota	Edwina Antonio Ramon Bultron	Chan Beng Seng Judy Chan
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Carl Cathedral	Tong Chong Sze

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$3,329.10 -  
 Promissory offering last week: HK\$1,100 -  
 Organic Farm: HK\$942.80-