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18 September 2022
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Fifteenth Week after Pentecost
(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Bless The Lord" – Music: Taize Community
*** CALL TO WORSHIP**
*** HYMN** "Amazing Grace" – Music : Anon; Words: John Newton
CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ALL RESPOND "God is Forgiveness" – Music: Taize Community

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.
And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.
*** HYMN** "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" – Composers: Edith McNeill
SCRIPTURE READING
Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet.
A light to our path.

Psalm 79: 1 – 13 (O.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.
And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN** "Bring Many Names" – Music: Carlton Young; Words: Brian A Wren
FAMILY TALK
SERMON
*** 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** “Inspired by Love and Anger”

– Music: Traditional; Words: Graham Maule & John Bell

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- 21 September marks the 50th anniversary of the declaration of Martial Law in the Philippines by dictator Ferdinand Marcos Sr. His greed, ambition for power, and mismanagement led to famine, poverty, and forced migration, and his own government perpetrated violent acts including killings, disappearances, torture, and arrests. Fifty years later, the dictator’s son is president. In his first few months in office, Marcos Jr. has continued the pattern of human rights violations, including disappearances and extrajudicial arrests of activists in their 60s and 70s who were tortured under his father. We pray that justice and peace will prevail for victims and families of human rights violations under Marcos Sr. and for current victims and families under Marcos Jr. The global community must take notice and ensure that history is neither forgotten nor allowed to repeat itself.
- Over thirty-three million people have been affected by the flooding in Pakistan, and now Pakistani health officials are warning of a looming health crisis. Health experts report a surge in dengue, malaria and severe gastric infections. May God open up means and ways to further cope with this emerging situation.
- Oxfam India Discrimination report 2022 has once again shown the world how “societal and employers' prejudices” against women and other minority groups are apparent in all walks of life in the country. Women and those in the minority groups are paid lower even when they are similarly qualified. Jobs, too, are awarded under the same prejudices. We pray for all to be treated according to their skills and abilities, not by gender, religion or caste.
- Millions of people in at least 30 regions across China have been ordered into COVID lockdown measures and are now crying out for basic needs and essential items. Food and medicines are in scarce supply endangering the lives of many. Pray that soon the government will not impose such measures as we all learn to live with this virus.

- Covid numbers in Hong Kong are going down again as some believe the BA.5 subvariant has peaked. Let us continue to be strong and do what we can to live and cope with this virus. We pray for those who have lost loved ones and those dealing with the effects of long Covid.

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.
- Please pray today for all who will participate in the Recreational Camp, for their safety, for the fellowship shared and that all may enjoy!

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in **Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay**.

We are **thankful** for:

- individuals, churches and other organizations who remain committed to seeking healing, justice and truth
- the furthering of human rights and democratic institutions
- the ways in which those of different faiths and ethnicities are working together for the common good and the needs of people, and creation
- how churches, from out of what people are experiencing, have led global ecumenical work for an economy that serves life.

We **pray** for:

- greater respect for Indigenous people and greater acceptance of all peoples across bounds of ethnicity and religion
- the protection of children from violence and abuse, and recognition of their rights and dignity
- effective help and empowerment for those who live in poverty and other marginalising situations
- those who protect and care for the region's threatened soil, forests, waters, glaciers
- truth and justice in continuing investigations to find those responsible for crimes against humanity and continued healing for those affected
- economic development that benefits all and effectively address the systemic factors that impede it.

Today

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. A special welcome this morning to our new intern Katie Ho. She is currently studying for her Master of Divinity at the China Graduate School of Theology.

This Week's Programs in Church

Sunday - Recreational Camp following worship today
 Tuesday - Peacemaking Fellowship (No. 2 Jordan Road) at 10:00am
 Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:30 pm

Friday - Bible Study – online at 10:30 am
Junior Choir in KUC at 4:00 pm

Education Fund

To everyone who contributed to the KUC Education Fund, our final total was a whopping **\$53,600!** Well done, and thank you again, KUC!

KUC Recreational Camp

We will board the bus from KUC at 12:30 and return to KUC at approximately 8:00 pm. Remember, our objective is to relax and bond with one another in the fellowship of Christ and to connect with God in nature and with a joyful spirit. Let's go, Campers!

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); **run time: 95 min.**

Time: 1:30- 3:30 p.m.

Venue: Upper Fellowship Hall

To register, please go to this link: <https://forms.gle/TdbzCMiu6nF8F5D47>

	TODAY 18 September	NEXT WEEK 25 September
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Carl Catedral	Joy Prim
Pianist:	Joshua Pang	Yu Wing Yan
Lector:	Divine Mmaduabuchukwu Amber Tong Ramon Bultron	Gabriel Li
Intercessory Prayers:	Judy Chan	Aimé Girimana
Family Talk:	Lydia Catedral	Tong Chong Sze
Greeter:	Emmanuel Adesina plus others	Peter Youngblood plus others
Offering Rota:	Susana Babasa Anjenette Bolanos	Chris Law Mary Adesina
Counting Rota	Chan Beng Seng Judy Chan	Doris Lee Harry Chan
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Lydia Catedral
I.T. Team:	Tong Chong Sze	Jen Pang

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$3,971.50 -
Promissory offering last week: HK\$5,600 –