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WHERE ALL ARE ONE

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25 September 2022
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Be Still And Know” – Music: Anonymous
*** CALL TO WORSHIP**
*** HYMN** “Gather Us In” – Composer: Marty Haugen
CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ALL RESPOND “Change My Heart O God” – Music: Ed Espinosa

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.
And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.
*** HYMN** “Glory and Praise to Our God” – Composer: Dan Schutte
SCRIPTURE READING
Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet.
A light to our path.

Psalm 91:1-6,14-16 (O.T.)
1 Timothy 6:6-19 (N.T.)

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

UCCP SINGERS “Let Your Heart Be Broken”
– Music: Nancy Scharff & Words: Bryan Jeffrey Leech

FAMILY TALK

SERMON “God Protects Yet Calls Us to Action”

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT

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** "Tell My People I Love Them" – Composer: Leonard Barlotti

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Protests in Iran continue after a young woman died after it is believed she had been tortured and beaten in Police custody. Mahsa Amini was arrested and accused of not wearing her Hijab properly. Since her death on Friday, nine people have died in the protests. We pray for those killed and those who continually live under the threat of such morality police.
- Economic issues continue to worsen in Sri Lanka, and the Sri Lankan people suffer more daily. In addition, the annual inflation rate has surged more than 70% making living difficult. The country cannot afford critical imports, including fuel, fertiliser and medicine. May a workable solution be found to help the people of that land.
- As Russian President Putin called reservists to enlist for the war in Ukraine, people have taken to the streets in protest. Hundreds are arrested, and more have taken to the air to try and escape the draft. In an unexpected turn of events, Ukraine and Russia last night exchanged Prisoners of War they were detaining, along with some non-military personnel. More than 200 soldiers were exchanged in Ukraine for 55 Russian troops and a former Ukrainian MP. We pray to end all wars and fighting - that all may live in peace.
- In the space of a few days, hundreds of whales have been found stranded on a remote beach on the west coast of Tasmania, Australia. No one knows why this phenomenon happens in that particular area. Rescuers have been mobilised, and we pray for success in saving as many of these beautiful creatures as possible.
- The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has suggested that windfall profits made by fossil fuel companies should be taxed to pay for

climate damage. He backed this up by saying polluters should pay for the impact of climate-related events. This is a long-standing argument among the world nations about who should shoulder the responsibility when disaster strikes. May those involved in such decision-making be guided with wisdom and knowledge.

- As Covid figures drop worldwide, Hong Kong can see the same happening, as daily figures are once again below the 6,000 mark. So let us not relax in our prayers for all battling with Covid as both patients and carers.
- In recent months, we are thankful that a few families from our Refugee and Asylum seeking community have received refugee status acceptance and resettlement opportunities. Last week another family of three left Hong Kong for Canada - we wish and pray for all the best things for them as they resettle.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Alex Melwani, Helen Lee and Florence Tse's mothers, Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Jenny Alegre, Emil's family, Habib, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Lovepreet Kaur, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ramon Bultron, Kevin Ng, Lyn, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Poulis Zaki, Saafa, Selvia and Stella Chan. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- We thank the Lord for a very successful camp last week. Even when the rain came, it could not deter the treasure hunters!

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in **Bolivia, Brazil and Chile**.

We are **thankful** for:

- the distinctive rhythms, music, dance, food and natural medicine in this area
- the beauty of the region, forests, mountains, rivers, lakes, and ocean coastlines, and especially indigenous peoples' relationship with, and care for, the natural environment
- churches who witness and work both ecumenically and with those of other faiths to build relationships of trust and commitment amid ongoing injustice and oppression
- the diversity of languages and cultures flourishing in the region despite disruptions that have occurred through colonization, and political and economic turmoil.

We **pray** for:

- Christians to have the courage, imagination and energy to build bridges of peace and understanding against conflict and division and to pursue justice for the poor, marginalized and dispossessed
- an end of corruption at all levels of the society, including economic exploitation, which impoverishes and hinders economic growth from benefitting all.

- immigrants and refugees seeking a new home, and those who accompany and support them
- coca farmers to find sustainable incomes from other crops, for an end to drug trafficking, and effective assistance for those who are addicted.

Today

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

KUC Movie Sunday – Presented by MOE

Please join us today 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

This Week's Programs in Church

- Sunday - MOE Movie Sunday at 1:30 pm
 Tuesday - Peacemaking Fellowship (No. 2 Jordan Road) at 10:00 am
 Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:30 pm
 Friday - Bible Study – online at 10:30 am
 Junior Choir in KUC at 4:00 pm

Date For Your Diary – 1 October – Hike to Shing Mun Reservoir

Please see the notice board or talk to Peter Youngblood for more details.

	TODAY 25 September	NEXT WEEK 2 October
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong	Peter Youngblood Celebrant: Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Joy Prim	Paul Alexander Cooper
Pianist:	Yu Wing Yan	Joshua Pang
Lector:	Gabriel Li	Venus Cheng
Intercessory Prayers:	Aimé Girimana	Journaliz Badon
Family Talk:	Tong Chong Sze	Mayson Fung
Greeter:	Peter Youngblood plus others	Guy Syrett plus others
Offering Rota:	Susana Babasa Mary Adesina	Amber Tong Joshua Lee
Counting Rota	Doris Lee Harry Chan	Doris Lee Hope Antone
Sunday School Leaders:	Lydia Cathedral	Jaylin Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Jen Pang	Tong Chong Sze

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$3,997-
 Promissory offering last week: HK\$2,520-