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“Where all are one”

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
13 September 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

SONG OF PREPARATION “Be Still” – By Paul Armstrong

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “The Love Of God” – By Frederick M. Lehman

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “God Is Forgiveness” – Music: Taizé Community

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “The Power Of Your Love” – By Geoff Bullock

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 103:1-7 (O.T.)

Romans 14:1-12 (N.T.)

Matthew 18:21-35 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “We Lay Our Broken World”

– Music: Kenneth G. Finlay, Words: Anna Briggs

SERMON “And Peter asked...”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in your own language)

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas” – Music: Taizé Community

A TIME OF OFFERING

* **SIGN OF PEACE**

* **HYMN** “Walls That Divide”

– Music: Ron Klusmeier, Words: Walter Farquharson

* **COMMISSION**

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*“The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.”
(Psalm 116:5)*

For the World and Hong Kong

- Remember the land, animals and people who have been adversely affected by the dreadful wildfires across the West Coast of the United States - California, Oregon and Washington. It’s the worst wildfires in the last three decades. Thousands of acres of land have been burned. Hundreds of homes have been destroyed. Thousands of people suffered power outage. The smoke has affected the air quality and those who are more vulnerable in health condition will suffer most. May the government and community be able to address the problem effectively, and provide adequate support and care to those in need.
- Keep praying for the world that is struggling with coronavirus. 27.9 million people throughout the world have contracted COVID-19, the number of fatalities 905,000 people with 18.8 million recovered as of 11 September. In Hong Kong, the total number of confirmed cases is 4,914 with 99 deaths from the virus and 4,582 recovered. Pray for success of new vaccines to be developed soon that may save more lives. Continue to pray for the medical staff and cleaners who are working in the forefront.
- According to a recent poll conducted globally by BBC, the coronavirus pandemic has hit poorer countries harder than the rest of the world, sowing inequality globally. The survey of nearly 30,000 people shows how different countries have been affected by the pandemic, six months after it was confirmed on 11 March. Poorer countries and younger people say they are facing the greatest hardship. May God’s mercy and provision be with those who suffer from the economic downturn due to COVID-19, through effective policies to bring forth more equality and generous sharing amongst people.
- Hong Kong opposition activist and Vice- Chair of People’s Power, Tam Tak-chi, was arrested by police’s national security unit last Sunday, with the charge of suspicion of uttering seditious words under the Crime Ordinance. Democratic LegCo member James To Kun-sun raised a concern about arresting people by the police over speech crimes could be

violating the Basic Law and international covenants that protect freedom of expression. Pray for an independent and fair judicial system to uphold human rights and protect the righteous. May God's justice prevail.

- Remember and pray for Christian Action on their fund raising calling for donations to rebuild their Centre for Refugees in Chung King Mansion after a fire in late August. May God provide through generous donors.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths of Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay. We are **thankful** for individuals, churches and other organizations who remain committed to seeking healing, justice and truth; different faiths and ethnicities that are working together for the common good and for the needs of people and creation. We **pray for** greater respect for Indigenous people and greater acceptance of all peoples regardless of ethnicity and religion; recognition of children's rights and dignity with adequate protection from violence and abuse; effective help and empowerment for the poor and the marginalized; economic development that benefits all.

For the Congregation

- Pray for members who are looking for accommodation. May they find a place and settle in their new home soon.
- Give thanks to God for Lucy's good progress in her medical recovery.
- Continue to pray for our seniors: Revd Bud Carroll, Mrs Samuel, Mrs Chang, Peter Chan and Judy Yui.
- We pray for our children and their parents as online classes at home in the new school term will bring them a lot of adjustment and challenges.
- Remember and pray for the needs of family members from our congregational members: Linda's sister Tess, Victoria's brother-in-law Drew and her sister Heather, Connie's grandmother, Bruce's mother.
- Pray for church leaders and a smooth Council meeting this afternoon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship through Facebook live streaming. Thank you again to our IT team and those who lead the Service.

Together We Stand Against COVID-19

We're glad to see the number of confirmed cases has dropped and social distancing measures have been relaxed gradually. But physical worship in church is still not yet resumed. Today we continue our Sunday Worship with Facebook streaming at 10:30 am. We pray that we will worship in church soon. Please be in touch with the church pastors and our church leaders if you or anyone you know of need help and prayers. Remember to take good care of yourself and your loved ones with good hygiene, good food, good rest, good exercise, and being a good neighbor to love and care for those around you that may need your help. **Look forward to seeing all soon in church!**

Hiking on 2 October (Friday)

The Care and Fellowship Committee will organize a hike to Grass Island (Tap Mun) on 2 October. Gathering point at 10am at Hollywood Plaza. Will take ferry from Wong Shek Pier to Grass Island at 12:30pm and lunch there. We will depart from the Island at 5:30 pm by taking a 75-minute ferry back to Ma Liu Shui Pier, 10-minute walk to University Station ferry of East Rail. For more details please be in touch with Paul Wong and Kevin Ng.

HK National Security Law Talk Series

Two forums were held in August. One was about the Law from a legal perspective and the other was about churches in China under the Communist Party Rule. Any congregational members who would like to listen to the recording of the talks, please be in touch with the pastors.

Bible Study Next Week on Friday at 10:30 am

The Bible study is conducted online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be in touch with Pastor Maggie if you would like to join.

KUC's COVID-19 Emergency Fund

In the past week, MOE has agreed to support to Need India Trust from this Fund which was recently set up by the Church to help people whose lives have been battered by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Fund is looked after by the Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee (MOE).

Appeal for Funding Support

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to create suffering and hardship for people in Hong Kong and around the world as people become infected with the disease and others lose their jobs and income. The MOE would like you to consider contributing part or all of the Hong Kong government's COVID-19 handout of \$10,000 to the church's COVID-19 Emergency Fund. MOE thanks those who have made donation for this Fund in the past weeks.

Donation/Offering to the Church

If you wish to make a donation/offering to the special appeal for Covid-19 Emergency Fund and to the church for our ministries, you may go to the link www.kuc.hk/giving for details.

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| Liturgist: | Phyllis Wong |
| Preacher: | Maggie Mathieson |
| Pianist: | Eric Sin |
| Lector: | Paul Wong |
| Intercessory Prayers: | Tong Chong Sze |
| I.T. Team | Lo Yuk Fai Carl Cathedral Timothy Chan |