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WHERE ALL ARE ONE

2 October 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
World Communion Sunday
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Be Still and Know”

– Composer: Anon

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “Morning Has Broken”

–Music: Trad Words: Eleanor Farjeon

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison” (Lord have Mercy)

–Music: Trad. Orthodox

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

HYMN “If You Believe and I Believe” – Music: Trad Words: Trad Zimbabwe

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Lamentations 3:19-26 (O.T.)

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (N.T.)

Luke 17:5-10 (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: S. Briehl & M. Haugen

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* **HYMN** “Beauty For Brokenness”

–Composer: Graham Kendrick

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Hurricane Ian has left behind a trail of chaos and destruction, leaving much of Cuba in darkness as one of the country's main power plants shut down and could not be back online. In addition, more than 20 Cuban Migrants took to the water and are currently missing. Hurricane Ian continued up the coast, making landfall in Florida. We pray for all rescue and recovery work in these areas and the safety of those caught up in the storm's aftermath.
- The disappearance of 43 Mexican students eight years ago is still not solved. Two government enquiries and an independent investigation have not produced any evidence of what happened and who was indeed responsible for the disappearances. Of the forty-three people who disappeared, only three bodies have been recovered. Current president Andrés Manuel López Obrador has set up a truth commission to investigate and expose those responsible and reveal the truth to enable families to find peace and justice in their lives.
- The European Union has disclosed that leaks in two major underwater gas pipelines from Russia to Europe were caused by sabotage - no person or country is accused directly of causing the leaks with many eyes looking towards Russia. Although no gas is currently being pumped through the pipelines, it will take at least a week for the residue gas to empty the channel before they can attempt repairs. We pray this can be mended and that the ill feelings and the fighting can stop and relationships brought together.
- Satellite images have given the world a glimpse into the resurgence of fighting in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region. Heavily armed troops are gathering along Ethiopia's border with Eritrea. Five months of a humanitarian ceasefire ended in August. And now hopes of rekindling talks for peace are thwarted. The United Nations World Food Programme estimated that 13 million people need aid due to this civil war. May God protect the innocent and the most vulnerable caught up in the struggles.

- Myanmar's ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi was given yet another three years to her prison sentence. Let her remain strong and steadfast as she faces more trials and challenges; above all, may the hope she instils among the people ever burn brightly.
- The problems of gambling addiction in Hong Kong are growing, and statistics show the age of those heavily participating in gambling is younger and amassing great debts. When facing such temptations, we pray that the Lord may fortify those struggling with this and all addictions.
- We continue to remember in prayer those who continue to fight Covid 19 and we thank God that we can see figures dropping throughout the world.
- The trial of the six persons involved in the 612 Humanitarian Relief Fund started on Monday here in Hong Kong. We pray for a fair and just hearing and leniency from the legal system.

For the Congregation

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani, Helen Lee and Chris Wong, Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Jenny Alegre, Emil's family, Habib, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Lovepreet Kaur, 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.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela.

We are **thankful** for:

- the beauty in these countries, including in their people and cultural traditions
- persistent, patient, prophetic work of churches and ecumenical and other organizations to establish peace with justice throughout the region, especially in Colombia
- resistance to past colonization and to practices of today that prioritize economic ideologies over the needs of the people
- efforts by churches and people of goodwill for inclusive and respectful relations in society and government.

We **pray** for:

- the continued pursuit of peace in Colombia, the fulfilment of agreements reached, the reintegration of insurgents into society, broad and inclusive dialogue for justice, and fair compensation of those victimized by conflict
- the strengthening of democratically elected governments in the region, without pressure from outside interests
- greater respect for the human rights of all, especially vulnerable populations and those who work for the well-being of others and of the environment
- an end to the corruption in these societies and the unsustainable exploitation of their resources.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Thank you also to our preacher for today, Mr Paul Cooper. It is good to have you with us again at KUC.

This Week's Programs in Church

- Tuesday - No Fellowship today – Public Holiday
 Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:30 pm
 Friday - Bible Study – online at 10:30 am
 Junior Choir in KUC at 4:00 pm

Thank You to All who contributed

Thanks to everyone who donated to the 25 September 2022 Retiring Offering for people affected by the recent floods in India and Pakistan. We are grateful that we have raised HK\$23,430 to help provide food and other necessities for flood victims. Truly we see the hands of God at work in our church! We will keep you updated on the work of the donations. May God continue to bless you and everyone as we pray for continued recovery of our brothers and sisters in India, Pakistan and the many places affected by heavy rain, floods, and natural calamities, exacerbated by human-caused climate change.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 23 October - The first workshop of a series in "Spirituality and Sexuality".

Time: 1:30 - 3:00pm

Venue: To be confirmed

Facilitator: Dr Peter Youngblood and members of the Christian Education Committee

We will be exploring sexuality in the context of faith, discussing the main theological, philosophical, and ethical issues. The first is a general introduction to the topic; later sessions (TBA) will cover more specific themes.

Sunday, 30 October – Interfaith Walk Around Wong Tai Sin

Directly after worship, we travel together to Wong Tai Sin and learn more about Taoism and the meanings behind the different areas of the Temple. More details to follow...

	TODAY 2 October	NEXT WEEK 9 October
Liturgist:	Peter Youngblood Celebrant: Phyllis Wong	Cecilia Yeung
Preacher:	Paul Cooper	Dr Choi Sik Ping
Pianist:	Joshua Pang	Eva Kwan
Lector:	Venus Cheng	Emmanuel Adesina
Intercessory Prayers:	Journaliz Badon	Tory Caplan
Family Talk:	Mayson Fung	Lydia Cathedral
Greeter:	Guy Syrett plus others	Edwina Antonio
Offering Rota:	Amber Tong Joshua Lee	Caden Lam Ching So
Counting Rota	Doris Lee Hope Antone	Edwina Antonio Gabi Baumgartner
Sunday School Leaders:	Maggie Mathieson	Lydia Cathedral
I.T. Team:	Tong Chong Sze	Jen Pang
Last Sunday's offering: HK\$4,603.20- Promissory offering last week: HK\$500- Welfare Fund: HK\$5,000- Retiring offering: HK\$23,430-		