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WHERE ALL ARE ONE

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16 October 2022
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Holy Spirit Come” – Music: Taize Community
*** CALL TO WORSHIP**
*** HYMN** “God of Freedom, God of Justice” – Music: Trad; Words: Shirley E Murray
CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ALL RESPOND “God is Forgiveness” – Music: Taize Community
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

*** HYMN** “Standing on the Promises” – Composer: Russell K Carter

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 121 (O.T.)

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 (N.T.)

Luke 18:1-8 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN** “Seek Ye First” – Composer: Karen Lafferty

FAMILY TALK

SERMON “Persistence Through Faith”

* 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 "I Have a Dream a Man Once Said"

–Music: C Hubert Parry Lyrics: Pamela J Pettitt

* 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 States and Mexico have agreed to a plan that will allow some Venezuelan immigrants to enter the United States. However, the plan clearly states that people entering without permission will be sent back to Mexico immediately. Some six million people have already fled Venezuela leaving behind the violence, fuel and medical shortages and repression by the government of President Maduro. We thank God for this plan to help a small portion of immigrants, always remembering those left behind and the trials they face.
- Russian air strikes have left energy facilities across Ukraine badly damaged. As a result, the power supply is limited and extremely low. The government has appealed to the people to limit use during peak hours of the day. We hope that people can limit their use of power to enable all emergency services to continue for those in need and that they can make adequate repairs.
- Extreme weather conditions further dominate and draw concern worldwide. The people of Nigeria, still trying to deal with the recent floods, are warned that there will be more flooding. Over a million people are displaced, and at least 500 lives are lost. May God protect those who are already very vulnerable to face all that comes their way, and may God strengthen those involved in the recovery work.
- As protests continue in Iran, stories of mistreatment and violence are being shared daily through social media. In an attempt to control the protestors, the government forces use heavy, violent tactics against the people, life is lost, and people are 'disappearing'. May God protect all on the streets of Iran, standing for a just system for all.
- The people of Northern Thailand gathered to bid farewell to those whose lives were taken in a horrendous act of violence last week. 22 of the 36 lives were those of preschool children. We pray for those who have lost their loved ones that they may find peace and comfort amidst the memories of such violence. We pray for all victims of violence.

- After the suspension of 14 pupils for three days from school for failure to attend the raising of the national flag, HK educational professionals have called for officials to review and revise the guidelines given to schools for this type of event. They are calling for a need for clarity in the guidelines for both Educators and students. The actions incurred by this local school are very concerning. We pray that this will not incite fear among our young students in school and also among parents for their children.
- For the first time, the National Security Law was used in a trial for those under 18. A three years sentence in detention was handed down to five teenagers in Hong Kong for advocating the overthrow of the Beijing government. The teenagers participated in the 2019 protests. We pray for these young people and their future.

For the Congregation

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani, Helen Lee, Florence and Chris Wong, for Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Jenny Alegre, Habib, Hend, Jeanette Lee, 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.
- “Peacemaking Ministry” Prayer point: We are thankful for the generosity of all who donate to the work of this ministry in KUC.
- We celebrate and thank God for the continued work of Bethune House among and for the Overseas Domestic Workers here in Hong Kong. This year Bethune House marks 36 years of providing shelter and care in the way only they can! May God bless the service more and more and strengthen those who have dedicated their lives to the work of support and advocacy.
- **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in **Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico.**

We are **thankful** for:

- the cultures and foods distinctive here, yet enjoyed around the world
- indigenous and other groups who have resisted injustice and human rights violations
- church leaders who have spoken out and acted on behalf of the poor and marginalised
- developments that improve all life while also caring for the environment.

We **pray** for:

- stable, democratically elected governments committed to the peace and well-being of all
- comfort and healing for the families and loved ones of those who have been killed or disappeared, and for those responsible being brought to justice
- stopping corruption, drug trafficking, and violence, and those who profit from such activities
- improved economic life and trade policies so people will not be exploited and can pursue livelihoods in these countries rather than migrating elsewhere for work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

This Week's Programs in Church

- Sunday - Joint Council and Trustees Meeting. Upper Fellowship Hall at 12:30 pm
- Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship in Number 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Sunday

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

Time: 1:30 - 3:00pm; Venue: To be confirmed; Numbers: Limited to 25 people

Facilitator: Dr Peter Youngblood and Christian Education Committee members

We will be exploring sexuality in the context of faith and 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.

Please register by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/u67oVkkeiFtmwt778>

Sunday, 30 October – Interfaith Walk Around Wong Tai Sin

The KUC Care and Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for a trip to Wong Tai Sin Temple on 30 Oct. Together, we will learn about different Chinese deities and forms of worship. Participants will also be invited to do a "scavenger hunt," finding less well-known locations and objects throughout the massive complex. We will meet at KUC at 1 PM and take the MTR. The visit will finish at about 3 PM. Please register online! Register here: <https://forms.gle/sVKJ3YboCRmpA3Ky7>

	TODAY 16 October	NEXT WEEK 23 October
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Revd. Dr. Bill Robertson
Pianist:	Eva Kwan	Jessica Tso
Lector:	John Mok Lamme	Jenet Onwufuju
Intercessory Prayers:	Ramon Bultron	Eva Chaves Apin
Family Talk:	Tong Chong Sze	Rey Asis
Greeter:	Robert Lam plus others	Peter Youngblood plus others
Offering Rota:	Samjhana Thapa Rachel Wangari	Kulwinder Kaur Stephanie Mumbi
Counting Rota	Paul Wong Ramon Bultron	Paul Wong Rey Asis
Sunday School Leaders:	Lydia Cathedral	TBC
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai	Carl Cathedral

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$9508.70-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$100-
Organic Farm: HK\$880-