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6 November 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
Communion Sunday
Stewardship Sunday
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “In The Lord” – Composer: Taize Community
*** CALL TO WORSHIP**
*** HYMN** “Great is Your Faithfulness” – Music: W M Runyan Words: T O Chisholm
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 “Give Thanks” – Composer: Henry Smith
SCRIPTURE READING

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

Psalm 145: 1 - 5, 17 - 21 (O.T.)
Proverbs 3: 9 - 10 (O.T.)
Matthew 25: 14 - 30 (N.T.)

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

FAMILY TALK
SERMON “Am I a Responsible Steward?”
*** 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 “You Are Holy, You are Whole” – Music: Trad; Words Per Harling

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* **HYMN** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Music: Anon; Words J Wyeth, R L Edwards

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- In the run-up to the midterm elections in the United States, President Joe Biden has issued several warnings to candidates and voters alike to avoid actions that could set the nation on "the path to chaos". Like many other places in the world, the country faces many challenges in a highly polarized political environment. The outcome of the elections will reflect not only on the nation but also on the world. May God inspire and bring discernment to those voting.
- Mexicans have been participating in the annual Day of the Dead festival, a time when they celebrate the lives of the departed. This is the largest celebration since 2019 when the celebration was curtailed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We thank God as we witness more and more social events and cultural activities reviving after the long pause brought with Covid-19.
- After a wave of Russian attacks on the Ukrainian capital's infrastructure, water and power supplies have been restored. However, as in past weeks, the power supply is rationed, and regular blackouts are pre-scheduled. With the winter shortly coming, there are grave concerns over the well-being of the people of Ukraine and Russia.
- It is believed that dozens of migrants are missing after their boat sank in waters off the island of Evia. The Greek coast guard is doing its best to locate the missing people. Ten men rescued from the water reported as many as 68 people in the vessel. We pray for those yet to be found and for all who will risk this dangerous route to find a place of safety and freedom.
- We thank God for the excellent news from talks between the Ethiopian government and the Tigrayan forces. Both sides have agreed to halt their two-year conflict, which led to thousands of deaths and warnings of famine. With this agreement, emergency food

supplies and medical aid will resume, bringing hope and relief to the most vulnerable groups caught up in the conflict.

- Iranian protestors defied the order of the Revolutionary Guards to stop the demonstrations, now in their seventh week. As the protestors remain firm in their cause, we pray for their protection and for guidance in the best way ahead.
- We remember those in this last week who have lost their lives due to accidents. Particularly we remember the people of South Korea and Western India. During times of celebration, tragedy struck. It is estimated that at least 137 people died in a bridge collapse in India, and at least 156 died in South Korea. May the peace of God fall on the families of those who have lost loved ones.
- North Korea continues to fire multiple missiles over land and sea areas on either side of the country. One of the missiles caused Japan to issue a rare emergency alert to residents in some of its northern regions. May God have mercy on those in Governance making these decisions to launch such weapons when people are in so much need of the basics.
- Eight people were given jail sentences ranging between 44 to 56 months last week for participating in a riot near the Polytechnic University in 2019. The judge fully recognised the group's circumstances at the time but could not ignore their actions. May they find peace and purpose while incarcerated.

For the Congregation

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani, Helen Lee, Florence Tse and Chris Wong, for Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Jenny Alegre, Chris Law, Habib, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ramon Bultron, 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 Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

We are **thankful** for:

- the amazing diversity of people and cultures living on the islands of Oceania
- the magnificent natural scenery and sea life
- the strong, faithful presence of churches in these lands
- the stories and bold witness to the impact of climate change reminding the rest of the world that we are all in the same 'boat' on this planet, 70 per cent of which is covered by the ocean.

We **pray** for:

- efforts to preserve these island nations amid rising seas
- those adversely affected by earthquakes, volcanoes and cyclones
- those dealing with the legacy of past nuclear weapons testing and with garbage dumping today
- good governance – especially in preserving indigenous cultures –which effectively serves those who are impoverished, hungry, lacking education or unable to make a living.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

This Week's Programs in Church

- Sunday - KUC Singers will practice directly after worship
- Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship in Number 2 Jordan Road at 10:00 am
- Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00 pm
Lectio Divina online at 8 pm
- Friday - Bible Study – online at 10:30 am
Junior Choir in KUC at 4:00 pm

Lectio Divina

Join us for our monthly practice of Lectio Divina on Wednesday, 9 Nov from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We'll be meeting online via Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join! Visit kuc.hk/lectio for more information and to register.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EGM – Sunday, 20 November

For the presentation of the budget for the upcoming year in KUC

KUC Movie Sunday

The Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee (MOE) will screen “Walk With Me” on 27 November 2022 (Sunday) from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Narrated by Benedict Cumberbatch, the film is about the late Thich Nhat Hahn, a Zen Buddhist master, and his monastery on their journey into mindfulness. The documentary follows them in their daily routine and practice of mindfulness throughout the four seasons and observes how this supports them in facing the ups and downs of life. Among his many books, Thich Nhat Hahn is the author of “The Miracle of Mindfulness”, a beginner’s handbook on mindfulness, and “Living Buddha, Living Christ”, which explores the crossroads of compassion and holiness at which the two spiritual traditions meet. His life and practice may inspire us to reflect on our life and faith in Jesus Christ.

	TODAY 6 November	NEXT WEEK 13 November
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Tobias Brandner
Pianist:	Lucy Lim	Han In Kyu
Lector:	Edwina Antonio	Harry Chan
Intercessory Prayers:	Hope Antone	Anjenette Bolanos
Family Talk:	Rey Asis	Mayson Fung
Greeter:	Paul Wong plus others	Edwina Antonio plus others
Offering Rota:	Emmanuel Adesina Susan Babasa	Thapa Samjhana Kevin Ng
Counting Rota	Jennifer Chan Gabi Baumgartner	Edwina Antonio Ramon Bultron
Sunday School Leaders:	Jaylin Tomitis	Jaylin Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Tong Chong Sze	Carl Catedral
Last Sunday's offering: HK\$3,446 Promissory offering last week: HK\$2,600		