

Kowloon Union Church

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**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**19 September 2021**

**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

(\* : Congregation stands)

**APPROACH**

**PREPARATION SONG "Lead Me Lord"**

– Composer: Samuel S. Wesley

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy"** – Music: John Bacchus Dykes; Lyrics: Reginald Heber

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord have Mercy)**

– 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 Adapted: Chan Beng Seng

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Psalm 1 (OT)

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (NT)

Mark 9:30-37 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for Your glory.**

**\* HYMN "Kneels at the Feet of His Friends"**

– Music: Ghana Folk Song; Translation: Thomas Stevenson Colvin

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON "How do we feel about Our Lord's exhortation to be like a child?**

Is this, along with 'loving our neighbours as ourselves',  
one of the greatest challenges of our faith?"

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## THE OFFERTORY

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (in your own language)

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas" (Where Charity is, there God Is) – Taize

### OFFERTORY

### THE PEACE

\* HYMN "The Servant King"

– Composer: Graham Kendrick

\* COMMISSION and BLESSING

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### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- Since the beginning of the pandemic there has been an increase in the production and smuggling of fake drugs around the world. Authorities are cracking down on this type of crime with operations being led by World Customs. People are being cheated by counterfeit medicine, many lives have been lost or seriously impaired. May God protect those tempted to try the medicine on offer and may those behind all this be brought to justice.
- We pray for the people of Korea both North and South, equally the two countries took it in turn to test ballistic missiles. With this action North Korea has breached the resolutions set by the United Nations and maintains the stalemate in place in the negotiations concerning nuclear arms talks. May eyes, ears, mouths and hearts be opened to strive for peace and harmony through words and understanding not fear and war.
- In a landmark decision, an Indonesian court has ruled that President Joko Widodo and other top officials have been negligent in tackling air pollution in Jakarta. The court has ordered monitoring stations and other measures to improve the capital's air. This could be a ray of hope for those campaigning similar situations throughout the world – may all those in governance take heed of this decision taken in Indonesia and use all they have to improve the living environment of those they serve.
- The Hospital Authority plans to extend the retirement age for all staff to 65. It has been noted that there is a shortage in personnel within public hospitals and this move would be primarily in place to retain staff within the organisation. Many of the HA staff have emigrated from the territory. If this motion is passed, we pray for those who will be pressured into working for more years in a highly stressful environment, within this may provision be made for a shorter week and shorter working hours.
- Yet another NGO has announced it will disband, 'Wall – fare', a prisoners' rights group offering humanitarian aid and support to those incarcerated in correctional facilities as well as their families. This group has provided a vital service and offered hope and encouragement to a very vulnerable and often misunderstood group of people. May God call people and make a way to continue with this support in one way or another.

### **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay.**
- **We are thankful for** individuals, churches and other organizations who remain committed to seeking healing, justice and truth; the furthering of human rights and democratic institutions; the ways in which those of different faiths and ethnicities are working together for the common good and for the needs of people and creation; how churches, from out of what people are experiencing, have led global ecumenical work for an economy that serves life.
- **We pray for** greater respect for Indigenous people and greater acceptance of all peoples across bounds of ethnicity and religion, the protection of children from violence and abuse, and recognition of their rights and dignity, effective help and empowerment for those who live in poverty and other marginalizing situations, those who protect and care for the region's threatened soil, forests, waters, glaciers, truth and justice in continuing investigations to find those responsible for crimes against humanity, and continued healing for those affected, economic development that benefits all and effectively addresses the systemic factors that impede it.

### **For the Congregation**

- We to pray for Som, the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, and Mrs Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Doris, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Mirasol Bolanos, and Ng Kam Lee friend of Lucy.
- We pray today for the joy and safety of all who will travel to the beach to share in the BBQ fellowship.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome!**

Welcome, all who join our Sunday Worship in person and through Facebook live streaming today. It is good to have you together with us in this time of worship.

### **Our Preacher today the Revd Dr Bill Robertson**

After almost 30 years as a high school teacher in Scotland, Bill presented for ordination and was deaconed in 2004, then priested a year later. On completing his curacy in Edinburgh, he came to Hong Kong as Warden and Chaplain in Diocesan Boys' School. He retired from DBS in 2017 and shortly afterwards was invited to become chaplain at All Saints' Cathedral and Middle School where he continues to serve. Bill hails from Paisley, near Glasgow and enjoys the lifestyle here. Music has played an important part in his life. In his younger years he sang as a lay clerk in Paisley Abbey and St Mary's Cathedral (Edinburgh) choirs. As a producer of amateur music clubs for a number of years, he directed many performances across Scotland, mainly in Glasgow and the surrounding area. Since 2015 he has been freelancing as a broadcaster with RTHK and continues to host a weekly music programme on Radio 4. He has passed his love of music to his sons, one of whom is a professional singer after gaining his degree in music. The other completed a course in musical theatre before taking up journalism at Napier University in Edinburgh from which he has just graduated. This year marks his fiftieth year in teaching and he intends to retire back to Scotland in 2023.

## Weekly Programs in Church.

- **BBQ** – Following worship today those who have registered for the event please wait here in the Sanctuary. Kevin, Cindy and Paul will show you to the bus.
- **Bible study online Monday at 11:00 a.m.** This week we will begin a new Bible Study when we take a look at The Fruit of the Spirit. Please contact Pastor Maggie if you are interested in joining the study group.
- **Peacemaking Fellowship** on Tuesday @ 10:30 am. The Fellowship will celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival on 21 Sept. Friends from KUC are all welcome to join us.
- **Wednesday Evening Harambe Choir @ 6 pm**
- **Friday - Junior Choir @ 3 pm**

## Dates for Your Diary

**KUC Movie Sunday** - “Bullet-laced Dreams” will be screened by MOE Committee on 26 September at 1:30pm in the fellowship hall. See the Bulletin board for more details.

## Monthly Lectio Divina Practice

We will resume our monthly practice of Lectio Divina on Wednesday, 6 October from 8pm to 9pm. We will meet every first Wednesday of the month beginning this October. Anyone is welcome to join! Visit: [kuc.hk/lectio](http://kuc.hk/lectio) for more information and to register.

## Care and Fellowship Alternative Workshop – ‘Soap Making’

When: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00pm

Where: Lower Fellowship Hall

<https://forms.gle/KeqUemhtRVYKUPq78>

We have a limited number of places, only 15, registration will close automatically.

## Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM)

The EGM will take place on Sunday, 21 November after worship.

The purpose is to present and pass the budget for 2022.

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Liturgist: Maggie Mathieson	Rey Asis
Preacher: Revd Dr Bill Robertson	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist: Han In Kyu	Lucy Lim
Lector: Kurt Law	Harry Chan
Intercessory Prayers: Tory Caplan	Nam Boo Won
Family Talk: Lydia Catedral	Chan Beng Seng
Sunday School: Jaylin Tomitis	Jaylin Tomitis
I.T. Team: Lok Yuk Fai, Modeste	Carl Catedral, Monkey Lui and Modeste
Offering: Rey Asis, Chris Wong	Hope Antone, Robert Lam
Greeter: Kevin Ng, Muriel Orevillo Montenegro	Peter Youngblood, Han In Kyu
Last Sunday's offering: \$2808	Promissory offering: \$ 5000