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## **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**27 June 2021**

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

(\* : Congregation stands)

### **APPROACH**

**PREPARATION SONG** “Be Still and Know” – Composer: Anon

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN** “We Have Come into His House” – Composer: Bruce Ballinger

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND** “Change My Heart” – Composer: Ed Spinoza

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

\* **HYMN** “We Lay Our Broken World”

– Words: Anna Briggs Music: Kenneth

Finlay **SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

2 Samuel 1: 1, 17 – 27

Mark 5: 21 - 43

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

**KUC DAMBANA SINGERS** “He Loved Me ”

– Composers Tom Fettke and Doug Holck

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON** “Embodying Love:

Lament for the Tragic and Compassion for Healing”

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## THE OFFERTORY

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**MISSION MOMENT**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (in your own language)

**ALL RESPOND** "Ubi Caritas"

– Music: Bro. Roger, Taize

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**SIGN OF PEACE**

\* **HYMN** "A Touching Place"

– Words: John Bell Music: Traditional

\* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- A large number of poorer countries receiving Covid-19 vaccines through a global sharing scheme do not have enough doses to continue programmes, the World Health Organization has said. WHO senior adviser Dr Bruce Aylward said the Covax programme had delivered 90 million doses to 131 countries. This was nowhere near enough to protect populations from a virus still spreading worldwide. Only 40 million doses have been administered so far in Africa, less than 2 % of the population. With the threat of a third wave of the virus looming over the continent of Africa we pray that provision may be found for those in greatest need.
- Reports and evidence continue to be shared exposing the dire conditions migrant children have been subjected to, at a US Border detention centre in the Texan desert. Disease is rampant, food is often rotten and inedible and there are reports of the children being abused. We pray that these precious children can be accommodated in a place that offers them comfort in their distress and care that is genuine and of the best quality until they can once again be reunited with their parents or resettled in more permanent conditions.
- More than 40 countries led by Canada voiced grave concerns at the UN Human Rights Council on Tuesday about China's actions in Xinjiang, Hong Kong and Tibet -- triggering a fierce backlash from Beijing. Beijing must allow UN rights chief Michelle Bachelet and other independent observers "immediate, meaningful and unfettered access" to Xinjiang, and end the "arbitrary detention" of Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities, it said. We pray that Beijing will comply with this action taken by the UN and give full access, and these acts against the Uyghurs and other minority groups will stop.
- Hundreds of pro-democracy protesters rallied in Bangkok on Thursday to call for the government's resignation, defying warnings from authorities about the kingdom's soaring coronavirus cases. The marches came on the 89th anniversary of the Siamese Revolution -- the uprising that transformed Thailand from an absolute monarchy to a constitutional monarchy. Despite police warnings, hundreds gathered at Democracy Monument, a major intersection in Bangkok, and marched in the direction of Parliament House to protest against the rule of Prayut, the former military chief who came to power in a 2014 coup. As the

country struggles in the pandemic and the current situation in the land it is hopeful to see so many still working towards democracy and a new beginning. May they be strengthened in moving forward towards that day.

- Hong Kong's first trial under the national security law began on Wednesday in a trial without a jury. Tong Ying-kit faces life in jail but has pleaded not guilty to inciting secession and terrorism, as well as a charge of dangerous driving. May this trial be conducted in a true and just manner, may Tong Ying-kit be given all the professional counsel needed for his case.
- After running for 26 years, the pro-democracy newspaper Apple Daily printed its last edition on Thursday morning. For the last edition, one million copies were printed. The heavy rains of Wednesday night and Thursday could not deter hundreds who waited patiently for the last edition to show their support for the newspaper. The final edition was a tribute to its readers with the headline: "Hong Kongers bid a painful farewell in the rain". The government has arrested the owner Jimmy Lai and all the managerial staff and has frozen all the assets of the paper which leaves the employees without wages or end of work benefits. We pray for those who have lost their jobs that all that is due them will be paid and that they will be able to find work soon. We pray for justice in the court and that there will be others willing to take over the void that is now missing.

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

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Kenya and Tanzania**.
- **We are thankful for** the abundant wildlife, natural resources and people indigenous to these countries and that they are protected, not exploited; the literacy rate in Kenya, the highest in Africa, and for the schools that churches and their partners support and sustain in both countries; the faithful witness of the churches in their communities, and in building positive relationships with those of other faiths; persons and organizations who meet the needs of the hundreds of thousands of migrants and refugees from other African countries.
- **We pray for** greater tolerance between Christians and Muslims as they work together to improve the lives of all people. For the youth, that they not succumb to radicalization but are prepared to sustain their lives and communities. We remember all victims of violence, especially sexual or gender-based violence, and all who are marginalized or excluded from communities. We pray for those who are most vulnerable to climate change and drought, that they may have clean water to drink and for their crops and animals to flourish and for economic growth and trade that benefits all the people.

#### **For the Congregation**

- We remember those near and far in need of our prayers. We pray for the healing hand of the Lord to rest on Asha Melwani the mother of Alex and Mrs Samuel. We continue to remember Jeanette Lee, the sister of Doris in the USA, who has completed her chemotherapy, may God rebuild her strength and health. We remember Rachel Tan niece of Lucy Lim, Rachel Perry the niece of Tory Caplan and Mirasol Bolanos sister of Anjanette.
- We seek your special prayers at this time for our dear sister Jenny Alegre who has been transferred back to Queen Elizabeth Hospital for further treatment.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome!

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

### Notice from the Church Council

Council member Vivian Lee has resigned from Council as of 22 June 2021. The Council thanks her deeply for her contributions. There is now a vacancy in the Council. We pray God will prepare the right person to fill this vacancy.

### Mid Week Guided Meditation

We will take a summer break from our mid-week guided meditation. Our Lectio Divina session will resume in August. If this interests you and you would like to know more about Lectio Divina, please visit our web page [kuc.hk/lectio](http://kuc.hk/lectio) for more information.

### Weekly Programs in Church

- **Bible study online** at 11:00 a.m. on **Monday**. Contact person: Pastor Maggie.
- **Following Worship today**, the Care and Fellowship Committee will host an 'Alternative Workshop in the art of Pastel Nagomi Art'. The session will be led by Grace So.

### Special Appeal

The Peace-Making Ministry is appealing for your support in prayers and donation of funds, for our children within the community. We are launching the **Education Fund Appeal** – this year our target is to raise \$40,000. The money raised will be used to buy school books, uniforms, shoes and covers non-refundable school fees for our children. No matter how large or small your donation it will make a difference in a child's life. Thank you and God bless.

Please see the insert for more detail on how you can donate to this appeal.

<b>TODAY</b>	
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Dr. Muriel Orevillo-Montenegro
Pianist:	Han In Kyu
Lector:	Kurt Law
Intercessory Prayers:	Peter Youngblood
Family Talk:	Maggie Mathieson
Sunday School:	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Chris Wong, Monkey
Offering:	Doris Lee, Joel Chaukura, Susan Babassa

Last Sunday's offering: \$4395.70	
Promissory offering last week: \$2280	Welfare fund: \$5000