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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 11 July 2021

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Holy Spirit Come to Us”

– Composer: Bro Roger, Taize

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “The Love of God” – Composer: Frederick M Lehman

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison” – Composer: Trad. Russian Orthodox

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

– Words: Robert Robinson; Music: John Wyeth

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Amos 7: 7-15 (OT)

Ephesians 1: 1 – 14 (NT)

Mark 6: 14 – 29 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “Christ Be in My Waking” – Composer: Stuart Townend

FAMILY TALK

SERMON “Measuring Up”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (in your own language)

ALL RESPOND "The Kingdom of God"

– Music: Bro. Roger, Taize

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

* HYMN "God in Your Grace" – Words: Shirley E Murray; Music: Per Harling

* COMMISSION and BLESSING

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- We pray for all peoples and nations combatting the Covid-19 pandemic. As many countries struggle to vaccinate the people we pray that vaccines will be found to supply the needs and that more developed countries will reach out and become the suppliers.
- As areas of Canada continue to be subjected to some of the highest temperatures ever, Ottowans prepare to evacuate those caught up in the many wildfires triggered by lightning strikes. Other areas are also on stand-by. May God protect and keep safe those whose lives and livelihood are affected by the fires and the well-being of all first responders.
- In Haiti, a 'State of Emergency' has been declared in the aftermath of the assassination of the country's president on Wednesday evening. We pray peace may fall on the country already torn and divided in so many ways.
- Medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres has suspended its work in parts of Ethiopia's war-torn Tigray. Last month three MSF staff were killed and as of today, no one has yet taken responsibility for the killings. MSF has called for an immediate investigation into the killings and for a guarantee that the workers will be allowed to do their work in safety. We thank God for the work of this organisation and for those willing to offer their all for humanity. May the peace of the Lord rest with the families of those who have died and may justice be established.
- Lithuania is yet another country that will tighten up its borders and deploy troops with the sole mission to prevent migrants from crossing into its territories. As more countries do the same, the plight of the Refugees and Migrant workers becomes direr with such measures put in place. It is assumed that more risk will be taken endangering more lives.
- More than one million workers will have more days off starting from 2022 and it is hoped that by 2030 all workers in Hong Kong will be entitled to 17 statutory Holidays. It has been over a decade since this matter was first raised and though the progress is slower than most would want it to be but still a move in the right direction.
- Police have arrested nine people including six schoolchildren, on suspicion of engaging in terrorist activities. Three of the young people were denied bail in the court including the youngest who is 15 years old. We pray that this case will be

dealt with in a just and fair manner and the ages of the teens will be taken into consideration.

- Let us uphold in prayer all who have lost their lives in recent days due to natural and human-made disasters, we remember those in Florida, in the Philippines, in Japan to name just a few.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Eritrea** and **Ethiopia**.
- **We are thankful for** the long centuries of Christian history in Ethiopia and Eritrea; the current witness and work of Orthodox, Catholic and Evangelical churches amid difficult circumstances; those who have provided humanitarian aid, especially during times of drought and hunger; those who have worked for peaceful relations between Eritrea and Ethiopia.
- **We pray for** the victims of human rights abuses; a greater understanding and respect among the many ethnic groups; lasting peace and reconciliation between Ethiopia and Eritrea; and the emergence of more democratic governance that respects human rights and furthers justice for all ethnic groups and minorities.

For the Congregation

- We remember those near and far in need of our prayers. For all who are facing health challenges and undergoing treatment in hospital and at home. We pray for the healing hand of the Lord to rest on the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, and Mrs Samuel. We continue to remember Doris and her sister Jeanette Lee, 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 remains in Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
- We give thanks to God for the faithful witness of our brother Bruce Van Voorhis and his wife Rose Wu in their long years of service here in Hong Kong. Bruce and Rose have decided to resettle in the USA. They will not be returning to HK. We plan an online farewell event for Bruce and Rose with notice to be posted here in the bulletin.

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.

Weekly Programs in Church

- **Following Worship today** – Council Meeting @ 1 pm Upper Fellowship Hall
- **Bible study online Monday at 11:00 a.m.** We are currently studying the New Testament books of 1, 2 & 3, John. Please contact Pastor Maggie if you are interested in joining the study group.
- **Tuesday Peacemaking Fellowship** – 10:30 am @ KUC.
- **Next Sunday is Broadcast Sunday** – Please come along to church a little earlier and we can run through the hymns for the worship service.

Date for your Diary

Sunday 25th July is Movie Sunday – “Bending the Arc” (1:30 - 4:00 pm)

The MOE Committee will screen a documentary on Sunday, 25 July, "Bending the Arc" (2017, 102 minutes). It tells the story of 'Partners in Health' (PIH).

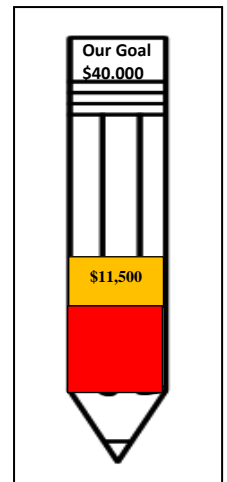
Starting in Haiti in 1983 and using insights from Liberation Theology, PIH has expanded its scope to work in Peru, Rwanda, Russia, the Navaho Nation, and beyond. "They averted a deadly MDR-TB epidemic; took on HIV/AIDS—becoming the first doctors in the world to treat patients in rural settings with full courses of anti-retrovirals. ... Reaching far beyond the issue of health care, Bending the Arc shows how moral imagination, strategy, and sheer will together can change the trajectory of the world, bending the arc of the moral universe closer to justice."

Calling for Volunteers - VBS

We have come to that time of the year again when we are getting ready for our VBS – Vacation Bible School – This year we will venture to the Castles of the North – Jordan. Volunteers are needed for the preparation of materials as well as helping out during the programme. Donations are also gratefully received – please talk to Pastor Maggie if you have some time to spare or would like to make a donation. 😊

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 cover 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. And check on the fundraising pencil how much has been given already.



TODAY	
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist:	Eric Sin
Lector:	Paul Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Hope Antone
Family Talk:	Hugo Lo
Sunday School:	Hugo Lo, Grace Nam
I.T. Team:	Tony Chan, Monkey Lui
Offering:	Norma Diaz, Joel Chaukura

Last Sunday's offering: \$ 2280	Education Fund: \$3500
Promissory offering last week: \$ 5000	