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## **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 18 July 2021**

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

(\* : Congregation stands)

### **APPROACH**

**PREPARATION SONG** “Bless the Lord” – Music: Bro. Roger, Taize

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN** “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”

– Words: Shirley E Murray; Music: Attr to B. F White

**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.**

\* **DAMBANA SINGERS** “Look at the World” – Composer: John Rutter

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (OT)

Ephesians 2: 11 – 22 (NT)

Mark 6:30 – 34, 53 – 56 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

\* **HYMN** “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

– Composer: Stuart Townend

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON**

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### THE OFFERTORY

#### 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 "In Christ Alone"

– Composer: Stuart Townend

\* COMMISSION and BLESSING

#### OFF THE AIR

#### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

#### PRESENTATION

\* HYMN "May God's Blessing"

– Composer: Cliff Barrows

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### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- As countries begin to open up, lifting many of the regulations in place due to the pandemic, others continue to enforce lockdown. Recently in Hong Kong, we have seen the strength of this ever-mutating virus as two people, fully vaccinated, have tested positive on entering the territory. May the hand of God be on each one of us as we strive to move onwards, each one doing their part to be thoughtful of those around them.
- Vast areas of Canada and the west coast of America are now engulfed in raging wildfires – multiple fires are still not under control as temperatures continue to soar, making quelling the flames extremely difficult. These fires not only endanger the people living there and fighting the fires but also the animals and plants as acres of land are consumed by the flames and have devastating environmental impacts.
- The South African government on Wednesday sought to deploy around 25,000 troops to curb unrest, that has arisen due to the imprisonment of former Prime Minister Joseph Zuma. Fears are rising of food and fuel shortages as disruption to farming, manufacturing and oil refining begin to bite. We pray for peace for the people of South Africa and the establishment of some kind of stability for all.
- Thousands of foreign children, including British, Europeans, Americans and others, are facing a lifetime of imprisonment in camps and jails in north-eastern Syria, with little hope of being released. Their only crime is that their parents supported the Islamic State Group. Many of the children have been left orphaned with no one left to claim them, from the camps they are transferred in a conveyor belt of incarceration. We ask the Lord to protect these innocent children and take them to a place of safety where they will be loved and cared for.
- Reports are being aired that EU countries are 'pushing back' asylum seekers at sea. Human rights groups allege that thousands of people seeking asylum in Europe have been pushed back from Greece to Turkey before being given a chance to apply for asylum. These reports have been denied by the Greek Authorities. Such actions are forcing those seeking asylum to take more and more risks and as such endanger more lives. We pray the EU will investigate these allegations and put a safe and just practice into place for all.
- A District Court judge presiding over the Yuen Long MTR Station mob attack on 21 July 2019, has declared that those involved in the attack will be issued heavy sentences. Some

have been identified as the ‘organisers’ of the mob attack and they will be sentenced accordingly. May God grant peace to all those involved in that terrible night, may justice prevail and responsibilities be acknowledged.

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

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Djibouti** and **Somalia**.
- **We are thankful for** the beauty of Creation and resources from lands and sea; the stable governance and economic development that Djibouti has experienced in recent years; the many ways churches and humanitarian organizations have prayed for and responded to the needs in Somalia.
- **We pray for** the protection of natural resources and coastal land; an end to hunger, violence, crime and conflict in Somalia; effective reconciliation and peace-building; stable governments that further the common good for all the people; those who have fled this area that they may be welcomed in new homelands.

### **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 see notice below.

## **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** – Farewell Yum Cha with Norma – speak to Kevin Ng if you would like to join in that lunch
- **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.
- **Zoom meeting with Bruce – Saturday at 10:30 am. If you would like to join in the Zoom meeting with Bruce to bid him adieu please click the following link;**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88975293628?pwd=R3EwUWY1TVdpV3JxTEhMSTZWMHhaUT09>

Meeting ID: 889 7529 3628

Passcode: 031373

## Date for your Diary

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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).

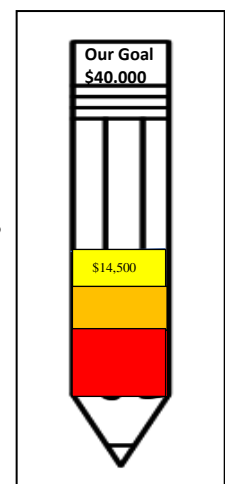
Starting in Haiti in 1983 and using insights from Liberation Theology, PIH has expanded its scope to work in Peru, Rwanda, Russia, the Navaho Nation, and beyond. "They averted a deadly MDR-TB epidemic; took on HIV/AIDS—becoming the first doctors in the world to treat patients in rural settings with full 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 ( 9 Aug – 13 Aug)

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	NEXT WEEK
Liturgist: Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher: Phyllis Wong	Judy Chan
Pianist: Cheryl Hui	Jessica Tso
Lector: Harry Chan	Elim Mok
Intercessory Prayers: Tory Caplan	Nam Boo Won
Family Talk: Chan Beng Seng	Rey Asis
Sunday School: Hugo Lo, Peter Youngblood	Jaylin Tomitis
I.T. Team: Lo Yuk Fai, Louis Leung	Lo Yuk Fai, Monkey Lui
Offering: Sunita Suna, Rachel Wangari, Susan Babasa	Hope Antone, Lucy Lim, Modeste
Greeter: Elim Mok, Rey Asis	Kevin Ng, Tory Caplan
Last Sunday's offering: \$ 4746.30	Promissory offering last week: \$5700
Education Fund: \$2500	Supermarket Vouchers \$100