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WHERE ALL ARE ONE

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23 October 2022
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Holy Spirit Come to Us” – Music: Taize

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

– Music: Public Domain; Words: Neander/Winkworth

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison” (O 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.

UCCP SINGERS “When We Pray”

– Composer: Cindy Berry

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 84:1-7 (O.T.)

Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9 -14 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “One More Step Along the World”

– Composer: Sydney B Carter

FAMILY TALK

SERMON “Pharisee or Tax Collector?”

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT – MISSION FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas” (‘Where charity and love are, God is there’)

– Music: Taize Community

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

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

*** COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Newly published research has indicated that the warming climate could bring viruses locked in the Arctic ice into contact with new environments and hosts, increasing the risk of "viral spillover". As we have seen in recent years with the mutations of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is a real threat to all, and as the ice cap slowly melts, it is becoming a greater reality. Lord, forgive us for all we have done to your wonderful creation and help us to do something more positive towards repairing the damage we have done.
- More than seven million Venezuelans have left their homeland since 2015, leaving behind a home crippled by economic and political crises. Around 50% of those who fled the country face challenges accessing food, housing and stable employment. Aid agencies warn that these migrants face the risk of being forgotten amid all the other crises in the world today. We pray for all migrants seeking that place of safety and security.
- Russian forces have further disabled the power companies of Ukraine, causing the energy company to issue a directive to all to recharge and fill all appliances in preparation for further power outages. Furthermore, as winter approaches and temperatures drop, Ukraine's people have also been advised to stock up on necessities and warm clothing. May God protect all and soften the hearts of those in governance to seek lasting peace.
- The Indonesian government has announced a ban on all syrup and liquid medicine prescription and over-the-counter sales following the deaths of nearly 100 children from acute kidney injury this year. Lord, bring comfort to the families that have lost a child. Pray that the root cause can be found and corrected in these products.

- In Hong Kong, millions of commuters have welcomed the news that the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme will continue for another six months. We thank God for this further provision for those in need of this scheme, which has enabled people to travel to work during these difficult times.
- On Thursday of last week, the HKSAR government eased the ban on public gatherings from groups of four to groups of 12 people. However, the number of new Covid cases remains stable, although the number remains high, according to the government spokesperson. Therefore, let us continue to remember all in prayer working towards eliminating this virus.

For the Congregation

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani, Helen Lee, Florence Tse and Chris Wong, for Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Jenny Alegre, 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 **The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.**

We are **thankful** for:

- the natural beauty, climate, and distinctive cultural practices of these islands
- how churches have responded to disasters and served all in need
- how liberation from colonialism and oppression has been pursued through music, words and actions
- the leaders of the ecumenical movement who have come from this region.

We **pray** for:

- those devastated by disasters, that their lives, communities and eco-systems might be rebuilt
- the strengthening of all who faithfully witness through word and deed to the gospel
- all those affected by crime and addictions
- good governance and smooth transitions between political leaders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. A special welcome today to our preacher Revd. Dr. Bill Robertson. It is good to have you with us again in Kowloon Union Church.

This Week's Programs in Church

- Sunday - Christian Education Workshop – ‘Spirituality and Sexuality’
at 1:30 pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship in Number 2 Jordan Road at 10:00 am
- Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00 pm
- Friday - Bible Study – online at 10:30 am
Junior Choir in KUC at 4:00 pm

Pink Dot

Today, from 2 to 6 pm in Kowloon Bay International Trade & Exhibition Centre.
It's a major LGBTIQ event in HK with concerts, community booths, forums, etc.
You are most welcome to join and demonstrate your solidarity with this community.

For more information:<https://instagram.com/pinkdothk?igshid=NzNkNDdiOGI=>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Sunday

Sunday, 30 October – Interfaith Walk Around Wong Tai Sin

The KUC Care and Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for a trip to Wong Tai Sin Temple on 30 Oct. Together, we will learn about different Chinese deities and forms of worship. Participants will also be invited to do a "scavenger hunt," finding less well-known locations and objects throughout the massive complex. We will meet at KUC at 1 PM and take the MTR. The visit will finish at about 3 PM. Please register online! Register here: <https://forms.gle/sVKJ3YboCRmpA3Ky7>

EGM – Sunday, 20 November

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

	TODAY 23 October	NEXT WEEK 30 October
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Revd. Dr. Bill Robertson	Grace Bok
Pianist:	Jessica Tso	Katie Ho
Lector:	Jenet Onwufuju	Paul Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Eva Chaves Apin	Chan Beng Seng
Family Talk:	Rey Asis	No Family Talk
Greeter:	Peter Youngblood plus others	Mary Adesina plus others
Offering Rota:	Kulwinder Kaur Stephanie Mumbi	Anjenette Bolanos Journaliz Badon
Counting Rota	Paul Wong Rey Asis	Chan Beng Seng Harry Chan
Sunday School Leaders:	Gabi Baumgartner	Maggie Mathieson
I.T. Team:	Carl Catedral	Tong Chong Sze

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$5,758.80-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$3,920-
Welfare Fund: HK\$5,000-