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## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 22 August 2021

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

(\* : Congregation stands)

### APPROACH

**PREPARATION SONG “Bless The Lord”** – Composer: Taize Community

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* HYMN “Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”** – Composer: Claude Frayse

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison”** – Composer: Traditional Orthodox

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

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

**KUC SINGERS “It Is No Secret”** – Composer: Stuart Hamblen

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Joshua 24: 14 – 18 (OT)

Psalm 34: 15 – 22 (OT)

John 6: 56 – 69 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

**\* HYMN “You Are The King of Glory”** – Composer: Mavis Ford

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## THE OFFERTORY

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (in your own language)

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas"

– Composer: Taize

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

### THE PEACE

\* HYMN "I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky"

– Composer: Daniel L. Schutte

\* COMMISSION and BLESSING

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### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- At midnight on Friday evening, the government has introduced the new boarding, quarantine and testing requirements for people arriving from overseas, at the same time the existing social distancing measures have been renewed. In the most high-risk category, a person may be required to quarantine for 21 days in that time undergo six tests and self-monitor for a further seven days, finally undergo testing in one of the community centres 26 days after landing. At this point, the only low-risk country is New Zealand. Though these measures are tough and lengthened in some cases, let us continue to pray for all working to combat the virus and in turn do what we can to make things work for the better of all people.
- At least 2,000 people are known to have died in Haiti after last week's powerful earthquake. It is expected the numbers will rise as more and more fatalities are unearthed. Rescue and recovery work has been hindered by the arrival of Tropical Storm Grace. The country is still in recovery after the 2010 quake that took so many lives. Families are being accommodated in tents and makeshift shelters. Some villages and towns are still unreachable and have no access to safe food and water. May the Lord comfort those who have lost loved ones and protect those striving to survive, giving strength to those forming the teams for recovery.
- We continue to pray for Afghanistan and her people as the Taliban overtake the country causing chaos and driving people from the land. Thousands of people have been airlifted from Kabul Airport. Thousands wait to get the chance to board one of the planes. Taliban soldiers are stationed outside the airport allowing those from overseas to enter the airport. Pakistan has closed its borders to those trying to escape on foot. May God have mercy on all.
- The weather around the globe continues to reap havoc on the land with wildfires, floods and landslides. Lives have been lost both human and animals, wild and domestic. Homes and habitats destroyed and livelihoods gone. Teach us Lord, how to be responsible in all these many situations you place us. Protect those on the front line and bless them in their work.

- After such successful Olympic games in Tokyo, we look forward to the Paralympic Games with more than 4,000 disabled athletes from around the world taking part. Ahead of the event, the International Paralympic Committee is launching a new campaign called 'Wethe15'. It aims to improve the lives of the 15% of the world's population who have a disability. We seek the Lord's blessing on these games and all who will participate, raising awareness towards the needs of the 15%.

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

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Liberia, Sierra Leone.**
- **We are thankful for** the natural resources in these countries, that they might benefit the peace and welfare of all; the diverse ethnic and religious groups who long have lived together in peace and harmony, especially the Muslims and Christians in Sierra Leone; democratic election of leaders who have brought political stability and accountability; how diseases such as Ebola have been brought under control.
- **We pray for** the churches in these countries, for their evangelism and social outreach, faithful witness and action in times of conflict, and interfaith cooperation with others; the majority of the people who are still impoverished, that adequate services and policies will be provided that enable them to live with dignity and good health; more just governance, free of corruption, accountable to the people, and that manages resources in ways that benefit all.

### **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 Som, the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, and Mrs Samuel. We remember Jenny Alegre and our sister Hend in Queen Elizabeth Hospital. We continue to remember Doris and her sister Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry the niece of Tory Caplan and Mirasol Bolanos sister of Anjenette.
- Please hold Ms Heddy and her extended family in prayer as they mourn the loss of their Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Ms Heddy's mother passed away on Friday evening at the age of 95 may she rest in Peace.

### **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.

#### **Weekly Programs in Church**

- Following Worship today @ 1:30 pm – Alternative Workshop – Earring making with our sisters from Bethune House in the Lower 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 – Beach Outing** ☺
- **Wednesday Evening Harambe Choir @ 6 pm**
- **Friday - Junior Choir @ 3 pm**

### Peace-Making Ministry

The fellowship group will have an outing to the beach on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Pray for good weather and all participants enjoy the fellowship with nature and with each other. If you would like to join the group please speak to Cecilia Yeung.

### First Sunday Yum Cha

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September join in a time of fellowship, following worship – Yum Cha at Majesty Restaurant, Prudential Building, hosted by our Care and Fellowship Committee. A special Invite to those who have recently joined our community here in Kowloon Union Church. If you would like to join please speak to Paul Wong or Kevin Ng.

### Special Appeal – We have almost reached our Goal!

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: Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher: Maggie Mathieson	Hope Antone
Pianist: Lucy Lim	Jessica Tso
Lector: Holly Chui	Edwina Antonio
Intercessory Prayers: Aimé Girimana	Paul Cheung
Family Talk: Chan Beng Seng	Maggie Mathieson
Sunday School: Jaylin Tomitis	Jaylin Tomitis, Lucy Lim
I.T. Team: Tony Chan, Modeste	Louis Leung, Monkey Lui
Offering: Hope Antone, Nam Boo Won	Sunita Suna, Cynthia Leung
Greeter: Kevin Ng, Mercy Matilda	Peter Youngblood, Han In Kyu
Last Sunday's offering: \$19,725.50	Promissory offering: \$2100
Education Fund: \$6500	Welfare Fund: \$5000