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WHERE ALL ARE ONE

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

31 October 2021

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Holy Spirit Come To Us” – Composer: Taize Community

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN** “All Are Welcome” – Composer: Marty Haugen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “God Is Forgiveness” – Composer: Taize Community

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

*** HYMN** “Let Us Sing to the God of Salvation”

– Lyrics: R. T. Bewes, Music: Trad

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (O.T)

Mark 12:28-34 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN** “Bring For the Kingdom of God” – Composer: Marty Haugen

FAMILY TALK

SERMON “The Great Commandment”

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas” (Where there is charity, there is God)

– Composer: Taize Community

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* HYMN “Lord, How Can I Repay” – Composer: John Glynn

* COMMISSION and BLESSING

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- For the visit of Pope Francis to Canada as he and others seek reconciliation with indigenous groups in the country after all that has been revealed of the ill-treatment of Indigenous children in schools run by the Roman Catholic Church. May God bless these talks and may this be a true step towards reconciliation.
- The lives of many hospital patients in Haiti, many hospitals are powered by generators as there is little to no electricity. There are fuel shortages as lorry drivers are scared to drive on the roads for fear of being kidnapped for ransom.
- The COP26 climate summit in Glasgow will awaken those who have ignored the growing issues facing our world at this time.
- The people of Sudan who will suffer due to the suspension of aid from the World Bank, the African Union and the United States after the military staged a coup against the civilian government.
- Migrants throughout the world who are embarking on perilous journeys during these winter months, as they seek a new life in new places. Special concern for those who have chosen routes by sea, in vessels that cannot withstand the winter storms.
- Sadly, Amnesty International another NGO has announced it will close its two offices here in Hong by the end of 2021.
- All people in Hong Kong whose lives are dependent on Tourism, one of the hardest-hit industries during this pandemic. May the government open an ear to their pleas for support and help.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in Canada and United States of America.
- **We are thankful for** the vast expanse of North America with its resources and varied landscapes; may they be preserved, enjoyed and used wisely. Those who were its original inhabitants – First Nations and Native Americans. For church-related organizations that strongly advocate for justice, and those that provide for new immigrants and refugees today, as well as for others who are poor and vulnerable. All ecumenical and

interfaith engagements which are occurring in many communities that previously were mainly white and Christian.

- **We pray for** churches facing new challenges, that they may continue to witness boldly to the gospel in evolving multicultural, multireligious and secular contexts. For indigenous peoples in their long struggles for survival, land and rights; and for ongoing healing and reconciliation with those who have come after them. We remember new immigrants, that they will continue to be welcomed in these countries, and that policies will serve the common good, effectively countering systemic greed that exploits communities and natural resources. For government leaders that they would advance justice, human rights, and peace for all within these countries and in the rest of the world.

For the Congregation

- We to pray for Som, the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, and Mrs Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette and Doris Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee. We also lift up all in need of strength for recovery of body, mind and spirit.
- We hold in prayer the Cathedral family as Lydia will be admitted to hospital in the coming week and will deliver the baby a little earlier than planned. Pray God's peace on each of the family members and the medical staff who will care for them.

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.

Thank you/OBIC

Today we are grateful to have Revd Grace Bok from One Body In Christ share God's Word with us. We congratulate OBIC's on their 10th anniversary. OBIC is a Cantonese speaking congregation welcoming people from all walks of life especially the marginalized. Their inclusive manner of embracing diversity is in line with KUC's Ethos and Motto of "Where All Are One". We pray that OBIC will continue to shine as the light of Christ in the local community and beyond. May God bless them and give them strength amid uncertainty and challenges.

Weekly Programs in Church.

- **KUC Singers and Dambana** – There will be a choir practice immediately after church.
- **Bible study online Monday at 11:00 a.m.** – We continue to take a look at "The Fruit of the Spirit". Please contact Pastor Maggie if you are interested in joining the study group.
- **Peacemaking Fellowship** on Tuesday @ 10:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday Evening Harambe Choir** @ 6 p.m.
- **Friday – Junior Choir** @ 3 p.m.

Reformation Sunday

All over the world, many churches designated the last Sunday in October as Reformation Sunday by many Protestant Churches as they were born after the Reformation era. KUC is a Protestant church. We, therefore, pay attention to this special day. The Reformation began in 1517 when the theologian Martin Luther challenged the Roman Catholic Church over her practice of selling “indulgences” to raise funds for building the grand church. The history of the Reformation involved more layers and implications than just about indulgences as many changes have been made in churches after that. One very important area for us to learn about the Re-formation is through re-telling our history as people of faith reflect and return to the core of our faith. Christians are challenged to re-form our life and faith to have Jesus Christ as our centre. We are reminded that “We love because God first loved us.” God’s love is unconditional and everlasting. All are welcome to God’s grace and embrace. The Church is called to reveal this grace and truth.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

First Sunday Yum Cha

Sunday 7 November – please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the notice boards. Or register here <https://forms.gle/E4XUnDG9basGPhG28>

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

The EGM will take place on Sunday, 21 November after worship. The purpose is to present and pass the budget for 2022.

Congregational Retreat

Date: 28 November 2021 Time: 12:15 pm to 5:00 pm (After Worship)

Venue: Fanling Baptist Camp Site

Theme: Born Anew; Come and join us as we prepare for a new church year and reflect on our faith in these times of uncertainty and change.

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK 7 November (Holy Communion Sunday)
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Grace Bok	~
Pianist:	Cheryl Hui	Lucy Lim
Lector:	Paul Wong	~
Intercessory Prayers:	Paul Cheung	~
Family Talk:	Rey Asis	Junior Choir
Greeter:	Han In Kyu, Kurt Law	Paul Wong
Offering Rota:	Edwina Antonio, Kevin Ng	Cynthia Leung Aimé Girimana
Sunday School Leaders:	Lucy Lim	No Sunday School
I.T. Team	Lo Yuk Fai, Modeste	Chris Wong, Modeste

Last Sunday’s offering: HK\$3,730-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$1,600-
Welfare fund: HK\$5,000