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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

3 October 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship & World Communion Sunday

(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Be Still and Know” – Composer: Anon

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

– Music: Trad.; Words: Richard Thomas Bewes

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison” (Lord Have Mercy) – Composer: Trad.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

*** HYMN** “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

– Music: J Robinson, R Thomson, M Farren

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Hebrews 1:1-4 (N.T)

Mark 10:2-16 (N.T)

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – The Apostles’ Creed

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas”

– Composer: Taize

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

HYMN “Bread of Life from Heaven”

– Music: Trad/ Haugen; Words: S. Briehl

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*** HYMN “God in Your Grace”**

– Music: Per Harling; Words: Shirley E Murray

*** COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- Canada's federal court has dismissed a government bid to avoid paying compensation to indigenous children who suffered welfare discrimination. The government had filed its legal challenge, arguing that the tribunal was wrong to award the maximum allowed under the Canadian Human Rights Act. We thank God that we see a justice system that is working for the marginalized and those with small voices. May others in governance learn from this example.
- Three in every four Venezuelans are in extreme poverty, a study has said, as a years-long severe economic crisis in the oil-rich nation continues. Since 2014, the country has suffered with shortages of basic supplies and hyperinflation. Millions of people are in need of aid. Chronic fuel shortages, and lockdowns introduced to curb the spread of Covid-19 were the main contributing factors. Millions have left the country in a bid to find relief and work. As in all these situations the hardest hit are the poorest people – we pray that provisions will be found for the people and that the government will prioritize the needs of the people.
- At least 350,209 people have been killed in 10 years of war in Syria, the United Nations says in its first official death toll since 2014. This is an estimated figure and is certainly an under-count of the actual figures. Another monitoring group sets the figure closer to 606,000. The war in Syria has largely wound down with a single province controlled by jihadists and rebels. A high number of those who have died are children, women and the elderly. May peace reign in the whole land and in the hearts of her people.
- In the last 20 years more than 270 female judges presided in the courts, staunch defenders of the law, seeking justice for the countries most marginalized. Now those same women are in hiding for fear of retribution under Taliban rule. Just days after the Taliban took control, thousands of prisoners were released and the death threats began. May God protect these women and their families and guide their feet to safety.
- Human Rights Watch (HRW) says a jihadist group in northern Mozambique has been kidnapping boys - some as young as 12 - and forcing them to fight against government troops. The HRW described the growing use of children as fighters as the latest horrifying chapter in the violence in Cabo Delgado. Militants linked to the Islamic

State group have been attacking villages and towns since 2017. We pray for these young children that they can be freed from their captors and return to their families to be children. May God comfort those parents longing for that day of return.

- Australia's Daintree - the world's oldest tropical rainforest - has been returned to its Aboriginal custodians in a historic deal. The UNESCO World Heritage site is over 180 million years old and has been home to generations of Aboriginal people. The Eastern Kuku Yalanji people will now manage the national park with Queensland's state government. In handing formal ownership back to the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people on Wednesday, the Queensland government recognized "one of the world's oldest living cultures". When the people and the land are living as One all is right. May the Creator God bless those who strive to steward that which was given.
- YouTube announced Wednesday it would remove videos and some high-profile users that falsely claim approved vaccines are dangerous, as social networks seek to crack down on health misinformation around Covid-19 and other diseases. Nearly 150,000 videos have already been removed. Let us be thankful and grateful that this social media giant has taken the responsibility to try and protect society from false information particularly the old and those not so highly educated.
- Seven more members of the pro-independence group "Returning Valiant" were charged with a count of "conspiracy to incite the commission by other persons of the offence of subversion". One of the seven is only 16 years old. Earlier in July nine others were arrested from the group on suspicion of engaging in terrorist activities. We pray for a fair hearing for each one of these young people.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela.**
- **We are thankful for** the beauty in these countries, including in their people and cultural traditions; persistent, patient, prophetic work of churches and ecumenical and other organizations, to establish peace with justice throughout the region, especially in Colombia; resistance to past colonization, and to practices of today that prioritize economic ideologies over the needs of the people; efforts by churches and people of goodwill for inclusive and respectful relations in society and government.
- **We pray for** the continued pursuit of peace in Colombia, the fulfilment of agreements reached, the reintegration of insurgents into society, broad and inclusive dialogue for justice, and fair compensation of those victimized by conflict; the strengthening of democratically elected governments in the region, without pressure from outside interests; greater respect for the human rights of all, especially vulnerable populations and those who work for the wellbeing of others and of the environment; an end to the corruption in these societies, and to unsustainable exploitation of their resources.

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, Doris, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry and Ng Kam Lee, a friend of Lucy.

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.

- **First Sunday Yum Cha** – Those joining the group headed for Yum Cha please wait in the Sanctuary. Paul Wong and Pastor Phyllis will lead the group.
- **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.
- **Monthly Lectio Divina Practice Online** – Wednesday @ 8 pm
- **Peacemaking Fellowship** on Tuesday @ 10:30 am.
- **Wednesday Evening Harambe Choir** @ 6 pm
- **Friday - Junior Choir** @ 3 pm

Dates for Your Diary

Taize Prayer Gathering

Here in Kowloon Union Church on Tuesday 5 October, the group leading the prayer gathering are young Hong Kongers who have visited the community in France. Prayer begins at 7:30 pm. The prayers and mostly conducted in Chinese.

Monthly Lectio Divina Practice

We will resume our monthly practice of Lectio Divina on Wednesday, 6 October from 8 pm to 9 pm. We will meet every first Wednesday of the month beginning this October. Anyone is welcome to join! Visit: kuc.hk/lectio for more information and to register.

Care and Fellowship Alternative Workshop – ‘Soap Making’

When: Sunday 17 October Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00pm

Where: Lower Fellowship Hall

Register <https://forms.gle/KeqUemhtRVYKUPq78>

Only one place remains 😊

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.

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Liturgist: Maggie Mathieson	Sunita Suna
Preacher: Aimé Girimana	Doris Lee and Phyllis Wong
Pianist: Han In Kyu	Lucy Lim
Lector: Chan Beng Seng, Cecilia Yeung, Jaylin Tomitis, Mercy Matilda, Nam Boo Won, Yves Kibesi	Tory Caplan
Intercessory Prayers: Hope Antone	MOE Team
Family Talk: Lydia Cathedral	Mayson Fung
Sunday School: Lydia Cathedral	Lydia Cathedral
I.T. Team: Chris Wong, Bervinder Kaur	Lo Yuk Fai, Bervinder Kaur
Offering: Cynthia Leung, Chan Beng Seng	Ching So, Rey Asis
Greeter: Paul Wong. Susan Babasa	Edwina Antonio, Tory Caplan
Last Sunday's offering: \$3,179 Promissory offering: \$2,000 Org. Farm: \$ 430	