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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 15 August 2021

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Holy Spirit Come to Us" – Composer: Taize

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** "Praise to the Lord"

– Music: William S Bennett Lyrics: Joachim Neander

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 "Here We Are" – Composer: Don Moen

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

2 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 (OT)

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** "Christ Be in My Waking"

– Composer: Stuart Townend & Simon Brading

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "How to live wisely?"

* **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 "Lord, How Can I Repay?"

– Composer: John Glynn

* COMMISSION and BLESSING

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- Wildfires are raging throughout the world from east to west and north to south. Many homes have been destroyed and the livelihood of many affected. Acres upon acres of natural woodland as well as cultivated land have been consumed by the fires as well as much of the wildlife. May the hand of God rest on these flames quelling them and their hunger, may those battling against the fires be strengthened and the recovery work be swift and effective.
- Amnesty International has reported that in Tigray the Ethiopian military and its allies are responsible for widespread sexual violence against women, using rape as a strategy of war. The scale of violations during the nine-month conflict in the north of the country amounts to war crimes, the human rights group says. Ethiopian officials have not responded to the allegations. Amnesty says "overwhelming evidence" shows sexual violence has been rampant since the very first days of the conflict. We pray for the truth to be fully exposed and those responsible for this despicable act be brought to justice.
- The Taliban have taken the strategically important city of Ghazni, the 10th provincial capital to fall to the militants in less than a week. Afghan security forces arrested Ghazni's governor and his deputy after they fled the city. Ghazni is on the major Kabul-Kandahar motorway, linking militant strongholds in the south to the capital, Kabul. Many citizens have already started to flee from the forward movements of the Taliban fearing how things may revert to the harsh life known in the '90s. May the Lord grant mercy to all involved in these conflicts particularly the most vulnerable in the community.
- Low-income countries are struggling to protect themselves against climate change, officials and experts have recently reported. "We need to adapt our plans to the worsening climate crisis. Our existing plans are not enough to protect our people," says Sonam Wangdi, chair of the UN's Least Developed Countries (LDC) Group on climate change. Their call for action comes as the UN's climate science body prepares to publish its latest assessment on Monday about the state of global warming. Lord, you have given us this wonderful planet which we are destroying day by day, our brothers and sisters in these low-income countries paying the cost at the actions of their rich neighbours. Give us wisdom Lord to try and repair some of the damage we have done.
- The Professional Teachers Union announced it was disbanding following accusations that it had "poisoned" children and incited them to violence. Other Unions fear that

they may be next in line for similar accusations and may need to face enquiries from government departments and like the PTU may need to disband. In these days of uncertainty, we pray for the Lord to sustain those who strive to bring about a democratic society and way of living with support and always a voice.

- A list of 12 acute and specialist hospitals will be opened for family members to visit face to face up to twice a week. We thank God for the provision being made for families with loved ones in the hospital and pray that more hospitals will be added to the list very soon.
- At the end of a very successful Olympics for Team Hong Kong, Chief Executive Carrie Lam has announced a raft of measures to boost sports development, as she dismissed suggestions that the government's support for local athletes is just a fleeting phase following Hong Kong's outstanding performance at the Tokyo Olympics. Lam said on Tuesday that the government will try to complete the expansion of the Sports Institute in June 2024 – almost two years ahead of schedule – and will apply for HK\$990 million from the Legislative Council for the construction. This facility will support elite athletes from both able-bodied and Less abled competitors. We pray this will indeed be established and those who have been given this special gift may find the support and nurture that is needed to continue.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger.**
- **We are thankful for** the heritage of ancient trade routes, rich oral traditions and nomadic practices of people in the lands these countries now occupy; humanitarian work to improve food security and livelihoods, especially for women; pro-active efforts to preserve the environment in these desert lands; welcome and provision for those who often must flee across borders.
- **We pray for** those impoverished who lack basic needs and rights, that these will be met; desperate children and others who turn to crime or begging or become enslaved; effective response to the frequent droughts and hunger in this area; more stable political rule in these countries to stem violence and provide for 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 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.
- We pray for our sister Hend who is scheduled to undergo surgery on 20 August. May God give her a peaceful heart casting out her fears and may the Lord comfort and protect her children in the waiting time.
- Congratulations to Joshua and Cherry for the safe arrival of baby Oliver. May God continue to bless their growing family.
- Please remember our dear sister Grace Nam who left Hong Kong for Korea to embark on a new career, pray for Grace as she resettles and adjusts to her new environment.
- This past week was the first day of kindergarten for a number of our children. Remember them and their parents.

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

- Council Meeting – Upper Fellowship Hall starting at 1:30 pm
- **Bible study online Monday at 11:00 a.m. Please note we will resume our regular meeting time this week.** 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.**
- **Wednesday Evening Harambe Choir @ 6 pm**
- **Friday - Junior Choir @ 3 pm**
- **Next Sunday (22 August) Alternative Workshop @ 1:30 pm – 3 pm ‘Earring Making’**

Thank you Elim

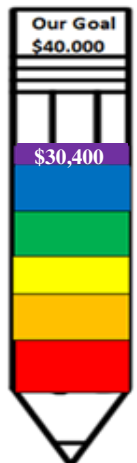
Today we bid farewell to Elim Mok who has been our intern over the summer months. Thank you Elim for all you have shared here in KUC over these months may God bless you as you go forward in your studies and service.

Peace-Making Ministry

The fellowship group will have an outing to the beach on Tuesday 24th 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.

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: Phyllis Wong	Phyllis Wong
Preacher: Justine Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist: Cheryl Hui	Lucy Lim
Lector: Chris Wong	Holly Chui
Intercessory Prayers: Sunita Suna	Paul Cheung
Family Talk: Maggie Mathieson	Chan Beng Seng
Sunday School: Maggie Mathieson	Jaylin Tomitis
I.T. Team: Lo Yuk Fai, Modeste	Tony Chan, Modeste
Offering: Rey Asis, Susan Babasa	Hope Antone, Nam Boo Won
Greeter: Edwina Antonio	Kevin Ng, Mercy Matilda
Last Sunday's offering:\$2848 Promissory offering:\$2700 Education Fund:\$600	