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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
24 October 2021

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Bless the Lord”

– Music: Taizé Community

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “Oh, Sing to the Lord”

– Music: Trad. Brazil; Translation: Gerhard M Cartford

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison”(Lord, Have Mercy) – Trad Russian Orthodox

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

UCCP CHOIR

“Reformation Hymn”

– Composers: Bob Kauflin and Tim Chester

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (O.T)

Psalms 126 (O.T)

Mark 10:46-52 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “Amazing Grace – My Chains are Gone”

– Music Traditional; Lyrics: Newton /Tomlin

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "O Lord Hear Our Prayer"

– Taize Community

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** "Go Tell Everyone"

– Music: Hubert Richards; Lyrics: Alan Dale

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- The World Health Organization has estimated that the Covid pandemic is likely to still be with us deep into 2022. This is mainly due to the imbalanced distribution of the vaccine, particularly in the developing world.
- Let us pray that a group of missionaries from the US and Canada will be released from their kidnappers in Haiti without any one being hurt in the process.
- The people of Ecuador as they enter into a nationwide state of emergency. May those who are enforcing this ruling do so with justice and within the law. May the action taken by the government have a lasting effect on the battle against crime in the nation.
- The upcoming COP26 climate summit is drawing much attention in the world, leaked documents have shown how many countries are seeking to change a crucial scientific report on how to tackle climate change, especially where it is contradictory to their own economic needs.
- Egypt has appointed 98 women as judges in one of the main judicial bodies, the State Council. In this act, these women are making history for others who will follow them.
- Pray for those who have lost their lives and their livelihood after heavy rains triggered flash floods in India's northern state of Uttarakhand and parts of Nepal. May God comfort and strengthen those left behind and those active in the recovery process.
- For the safety of those living around the base of Mount Aso, a volcano on Japan's southern Island of Kyushu after a major eruption on Wednesday. Japan's Meteorological Agency has raised the alert level to 3 in a scale of 5 fearing subsequent eruptions.

- Construction workers and others like them who will face another year of wages being frozen. This is the third year in succession this has happened in the industry where the unemployment rate is around 9.3 percent and the underemployment rate is around 14 percent.
- Good news for those living in the many subdivided units in Hong Kong as the Legislative Council announced that rent hikes will be capped and monitored. In addition priority will be given to existing tenants when the lease needs renewing.
- A further 16 district councilors have been disqualified from the western New Territories on the grounds that the oaths of allegiance they took two weeks ago were invalid. This brings the total number of councilors to be unseated to 49 and the total number of resignations to 260 in recent months.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curaçao, 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.

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.
- The Peace-making team together with the Harambe Choir will go share message and songs in the Chung Chi Divinity school of Chinese University of HK. Pray for a fruitful sharing and gathering.
- We pray for our Council and Trustees members who will gather today to discuss the budget of the church for the coming year.

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.

- **KUC Singers and Dambana** – there will be a choir practice immediately after church
- **Joint Council and Trustee meeting-** 1:30pm in the upper fellowship hall
- **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 am.
- **Wednesday Evening Harambe Choir** @ 6 pm
- **Friday – Junior Choir** @ 3 pm

Dates for the Diary

10th Anniversary of One Body In Christ Church (OBIC)

OBIC will celebrate her 10th anniversary throughout the month of October. The Church has invited friends from KUC to join their celebrations. A special worship service will be held on 30 October when individual members will share their talents. OBIC is a Cantonese speaking congregation welcoming people from all walks of life especially the marginalized. Their inclusive manner that embraces diversity is in line with KUC's 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.

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.

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Liturgist: Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher: Peter Youngblood	Grace Bok
Pianist: Jessica Tso	Cheryl Hui
Lector: Witness Blessing Lukuba	Paul Wong
Intercessory Prayers: Pastor Joram Calimutan	Paul Cheung
Family Talk: Phyllis Wong	Rey Asis
Sunday School: Jaylin Tomitis	Lucy Lim
I.T. Team: Chris Wong, Bervinder Kaur	Lo Yuk Fai, Modeste
Offering: Hope Antone, Kevin Ng	Edwina Antonio, Kevin Ng
Greeter: Lucy Lim, Vikki Chan	Han In Kyu, Kurt Law
Last Sunday's offering: \$4091	Promissory offering: \$ 2600