

SAINT LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH
House of Friendship

October 22, 2017

10:30 a.m.

²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' (Matthew 22:21)

PLACING OURSELVES BEFORE THE WONDER OF GOD

Hymn Sing Praise Team

♪ **Hymn VU 894** Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Call to Worship (Psalm 100) **Maelyne Abrenica**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

All: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Approach (standing) **Maelyne Abrenica**

Prayer of Confession (seated, in unison)

God of mercy, we place our trust in tangible things— things we can see and touch— and question whether you are really there. Forgive us, when we fail to recognize that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory. Help us when we lose our way, and forgive us when we forget to whom we truly belong. Open our eyes to see you; open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you; and open our hands to serve you. Amen

♪ **Sung Response:** (VU 291)

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.
All things wise and wonderful, in love, God made them all.

LISTENING TO THE WORDS OF GOD

Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:15–22 Carmen Pokala

♪ **Hymn VU 506** Take My Life and Let It Be

Prayer with Children Japeth and Andrew

Christian Bible Lesson 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 Neftalie Abrenica

Anthem

Praise Team

Sermon

Rev. Hoon Kim

♪ **Hymn VU** Trust and Obey

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS

Joys and Concerns

Maelyne Abrenica

Presenting our tithes and offerings

God, source of all that is, lover of justice and source of equity, help us live boldly and truthfully as we seek to follow your ways. Embolden us to share with others the gift of grace that you have so abundantly given us.

Offertory

Praise Team

Doxology (VU 540)

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of the People

Maelyne Abrenica

♪ **Hymn VU 512** Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

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Welcome to Saint Luke's, the House of Friendship, where all are welcome regardless of age, gender, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, differing abilities, or economic circumstances.

Please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and join the congregation for a time of fellowship after the service.

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Check this schedule each week.

Service	October 8	October 15	October 22
Ushers	Bob Keel Volunteers needed	Merlin Atayde Adeline Asencio	Volunteers needed
Counters	Olga Semple Gordon Winch	Adeline Asencio Julie Atayde	Marites Ocampo Cornelio Ocampo
Presiders	Noah Panganiban	Linet Panganiban	Maelyne Abrenica

Readers please check this schedule each week.

Date	Readers	Scripture Lessons
Oct 29	Anita Quiacos Winda Agamao	Matthew 22:34-46 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Nov 5	Mika Estepa Reymie Rivera	Matthew 23:1-12 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Nov 12	Rosemarie Agustin Henrietta Semple	Matthew 25:1-13 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Nov 19	Kasandra Agustin Sally Tan	Matthew 25:14-30 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Next Week

Scripture Lessons for October 29

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Moses dies and is buried in Moab.
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 O God, our help in ages past.
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 We care for you like a nurse.
Matthew 22:34-46 Love God and your neighbour as yourself.

Tuesday Study Group On The Old Testament by Christine Hayes at Yale (cf. <http://oyc.yale.edu/religious-studies/rfst-145>)

Today

Pastoral Prayer of this week:

Those in need of your prayers:
 Adeline Asencio, Ruben Flores (Rekai Center), Anita Dorotheo, Susan Narain, Marion Mallette.

Sharon, Rochelle, and Erwin Magnaye, Dennis, Cynthia, Ryan and Maegan Manankil
 (The Pastoral Care Committee will put names for you to remember in your prayers. Please speak to Olga Semple, Rev. Hoon Kim or the church office)

Autumn at a Glance

Rev. Hoon Kim delivers daily devotional, TeleHope, to you on internet and/or hand phone. Give him your e-mail address and/or hand phone number.

Oct 15 Sunday School will tie-dye your shirt on the theme of Saint Luke's at her anniversary, Oct 29. After church, bring your blank shirt for them to tie dye for \$ 5; **if you do not have a blank shirt, you can buy one for \$ 5.**

Oct 29 The 58th Church Anniversary with theme What Saint Luke's has been to me? Shared by Kathryn Manankil, Henrietta Semple, Jimmy Thompson
Potluck lunch

November 5 Communion

Musicians for November and December

Evelyn Camerino

Andrew Macpherson: Oct November 12 and 26

David Hallman: November 19

October 22 – Peace Sabbath/UN Sunday

In the context of the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations (October 24, 1945), many churches observe a Peace Sabbath on the Sunday prior (some call it UN Sunday, or World Order Sunday).

Dr. Reinerio Arce Celebrates Decades of Solidarity

Our gifts for Mission & Service offer long-term support and solidarity around the world. Let us hear a story about decades of solidarity with Cuba.

In May 2016 United Theological College in Montreal, Quebec, presented Dr. Reinerio Arce with an honorary doctorate. Dr. Arce took the opportunity to thank The United Church of Canada for its decades of solidarity. “We will not forget your friendship,” he said. “Even as it becomes easier to relate directly with the U.S. churches, we need you to be with us.”

He recalled shipments of food in the late 1990s through 2001 organized by the United Church through its membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank during a time of drought in eastern Cuba.

As Cuba renews its relationship with the United States, Cuban church leaders are saying thanks to Canadian churches that have accompanied them through nearly six decades of a U.S. embargo.

Reinerio Arce is a past-president of the Cuban Council of Churches and former rector of the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas—both Mission & Service partners.

We sing thanksgiving for Mission & Service support of the church in Cuba!

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

TeleHope

Don't Forget to Ask

Jesus said, “You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.” (John 14:14; Mark 11:20-25)

Michael has struggled with stuttering. Family members were impatient, and friends teased me by asking me to say words I couldn't pronounce. One day he stumbled across a website dedicated to people who stutter. It suggested that sometimes stuttering can be worsened by not breathing deeply enough before speaking. Really? he thought. Could it be that simple? He began to remind himself to breathe deeply before speaking, and his stuttering problem slowly went away.

We all have personal issues and unfortunate life circumstances that God wants to help us with. We may take a deep breath like people who suffer from stuttering. We can pray daily, asking for help. Then we can wait expectantly for God's answer. Pray is like taking a deep breath.

Dear God, thank you for allowing us to approach your throne of grace through prayer (Heb. 4:16). Amen. (Michael Slaughter, Georgia)

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