

Kowloon Union Church
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Pentecost Sunday
19 May 2024
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

*** INVOCATION**

*** SONG OF INVOCATION** – “Wa Wa Wa Emimimo” Trad: Nigerian

*** HYMN** “Spirit of Gentleness” – Composer: J. K. Manley

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison” – Trad. Orthodox Melody

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

2 Samuel 6: 14-19 (O.T.)

Acts 2: 1-21 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HARAMBE** “Hakuna Mungu Kama Wewe” (There is no one like Jesus)

BAPTISM AND RECEPTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS

– CAROL YUEN AND RONALD CHUI

THE PEACE

SERMON

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas”

– Taizé

OFFERTORY

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN “You Are Holy”

– Composer: P. Harling

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* **HYMN** “The Spirit Lives to Set Us Free ” – Music: Anon Words : D Lundy

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Today is Pentecost Sunday; as we celebrate Pentecost, let us pray that our Church continues to be a light to the community and the world.
- Argentina's monthly inflation rate is expected to dip into single digits for the first time in six months, offering some relief amidst the country's broader economic turmoil. While the government's austerity measures have helped curb soaring prices, they have also stalled economic activity, hurting workers and the poor. As Argentinians navigate these challenging times, we pray that the Argentine government prioritizes the well-being of all its citizens, especially the lower-income groups, in its efforts to stabilize the economy.
- An energy summit in Paris aims to raise billions to expand access to clean cooking methods globally, particularly in Africa, where over 2 billion people rely on polluting fuels that cause 3.7 million premature deaths annually. The International Energy Agency and the African Development Bank are spearheading the effort to address this pressing issue that intersects with gender, health, climate, and development. May this international effort be blessed with the resources and resolve to bring clean cooking and sustainable energy access to all.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the mental health of teenagers, with a study showing that their brains aged about three years during the 10-month lockdown. The isolation and disruption to social interaction led to increased anxiety, depression, and even premature brain ageing. Let us pray for our youth's mental health, and may we be alert to the possible impact caused by lockdown and lack of social interactions during the pandemic. May our youth find the strength and support to overcome these challenges and emerge stronger.
- In Hong Kong, the tragic loss of a mother and intellectually disabled son early this week highlights the urgent need for greater support for caregivers. Despite government efforts, more must be done to provide respite services, residential care, and community assistance to ease the immense pressure on families, especially during health crises. Let us come together as a compassionate neighborhood, looking out for those in distress and offering a helping hand, so that no one has to

face such unimaginable challenges alone. May this heartbreaking incident inspire us to build a society of mutual care and understanding where no one is left behind.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles.

We are **thankful** for:

- the spectacular scenery, exotic plants, rare animals and abundant sea life that flourish in the region
- how people who are ethnically and religiously diverse have long lived together
- the economic developments that have lifted some out of poverty
- the vital evangelism, social and public witness of churches, and how the churches relate to people of other faiths.

We **pray** for:

- the fragile environment and the unique plants, animals and lands that they will be protected, especially as the sea rises
- tourism and other economic developments that they will not threaten but enhance life for all the people in these countries
- churches, that they will grow through evangelistic efforts and in their work with those of other faiths
- Christians to be bolder in their public witness for justice and reconciliation, especially in times of political turmoil.

For the Congregation

- Pray for Paul Wong, Kevin Ng, Jeanette Lee, Hend, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Joy Babasa, Julianne Long, Revd. Kwok, Ajmal Samuel, and Jen Pang who are facing health challenges that require body strength restoration.
- We continue to remember our senior members and friends: Mrs. Samuel and the mothers of Alex Melwani and June Tang. May God heal the sick and give strength to those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- We seek your continued prayerful support of Carol Yeun, who is grafted into Christ through Baptism, and Ronald Chui through Restatement of Faith.
- We thank God for a smooth and productive EGM and AGM last week, and we thank God for our outgoing Council Chairperson and the newly elected members of the Council. May God bless each one and all that is ahead of them in the coming year.

Announcements

Today — A warm welcome to all who join our worship this morning.

Every Sunday Morning

Contemplative Prayer – organised by the Christian Education Committee

Venue: Upper Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:00 to 9:30 am

Friday Morning Bible Study

Join us in our Online Bible Study every Friday Morning. For more details, Please speak to Pastor Maggie.

Dates For Your Diaries:

Friday, 24 May - Migrant Worker Lives Matter Symposium

Venue: The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Room N002

Time: 2:00 – 6:15 pm

This half-day symposium focuses on the structural issues facing migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong. Through short talks by academics, policy makers and people from migrant worker NGOs, we will discuss how Hong Kong can become a more inclusive society for all. The event is free of charge, and all are welcome! Scan the code to register and see the notice board for more information.



Friday, 24 May – KUC Centenary Fundraiser

Charitable Fundraising Movie Screening – "All Shall Be Well" by Ray Yeung
Winner of the Teddy Award for Best Feature @ The Berlin Film Festival

Venue: CineArt House, 1/F Kowloon City Plaza (MTR Sung Wong Toi)

Time: 19:15/ 19:40 (post-screening talk with Director)

One complimentary ticket with every donation of HK\$200 or above (while stock lasts); \$500 (VIP). Please help circulate our appeal in your networks besides donating!



Saturday, 1 June: Community Acts of Service

Join us as we volunteer at the warehouse of 'Humanity Seekers,' a project run by Justice Centre, Hong Kong. Come and help select and sort through the donations others give to help our community's most needy. See the notice board for more details. **Meeting Point: Kowloon Union Church at 9:30 am**



Sunday, 2 June, 12 noon to 2 pm: 'Discipleship: Then And Now'

Join us in our fifth series session as we consider the 'Less Notables', those disciples we know little about.

Venue: Lower Fellowship Hall

Light lunch provided

Scan the QR code to reserve your place at lunch.



	TODAY 19 May	Sunday 26 May
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Pastor Saw Tha Shee Kapaw, Rev'd K.Se U
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Rose Chue
Pianist and voices:	Ray Ma	Lucy Lim , Ngin Lam Cin, Thawah Eh Wahpoe, Yex Ohnmar Nay Win
Lector:	Tong Chong Sze	Pastor Jangmaw Nan Hpung
Intercessory Prayers:	Paul Lucas	LTS
Family Talk:	No Family Talk	Rose Chue
Greeter:	Anjenette Bolanos, Estella Yeung	Susan Babasa, Paul Wong
Offering Rota:	Mercy Matilda Emmanuel Adesina	Daddy, Edith San Juan
Counting Rota	Robert Lam, Hope Antone	Chan Beng Seng, Aime Girimana
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis, Tong Chong Sze, Gabi Baumgartner	Mary Adesina, Jailyn Tomitis, Tong Chong Sze
I.T. Team:	Bervinder Kaur, Venus Cheng	Bervinder Kaur, Amber Tong

Freewill offering last week: HK3,676-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$1,700-