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## **Epiphany 2**

**16 January 2022**

**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

(\*: Congregation stands)

**PREPARATION MUSIC** “Holy Spirit Come” – Composer: Chan Ka

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION**

**\* HYMN** “Filled with the Spirit” – Music: Cyril V Taylor; Words: J R Peacey

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (N.T)

John 2:1-11 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for Your glory.**

**SERMON** “Transformed by Love. The Gift that keeps Giving”

**MUSIC** “O Love that wilt not let me Go”

– Music: Albert L Peace; Words George Matheson

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**MUSIC** “Christ Be Our Light” – Composer: Bernadette Farrell

**\* COMMISSION and BLESSING**

**THE PEACE**

**RECESSIONAL** “There’s a Sweet Sweet Spirit” Composer: Doris Akers

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

### **Please remember as you pray. . .**

- As we enter this second week of tightened restrictions let us remember those whose livelihoods are among the most seriously affected. Representatives of the Tourism and hotel industries are calling on the government to allocate funds to subsidize ‘getting through’ this fifth wave of the pandemic. Many in the industry have already closed down their businesses in the last two years of hardship
- Adverse weather conditions continue to affect many areas of the world, claiming lives and livelihoods, stripping people of their homes and possessions. May God receive those who have lost their lives and bring peace to those left behind
- Let us pray for peace in the world when we see again and again the threat of war and the abuse of power and science as weapons are being created and tested, credited for defence purposes. As we do so we consider the neglect of the people and the needs of the people of those countries where the armoury is deemed more important than basic human rights.
- We remember Myanmar where a junta court has convicted ousted civilian leader Aung San Sui Kyi of three criminal charges, sentencing her to four years in prison. She has been held in detention since February 2021. In that time it is estimated that over 1,400 civilians have been killed in the fight to reinstate democracy in the land.
- As the government shuts down our kindergartens and Primary schools for yet another period, let us pray for our children and their education, for teachers with additional stress and strain and of course for the parents of the children many of whom will find it difficult to care for their children properly and continue with work.
- Pray that more care and checking will be taken when storing and administering drugs as two people ended up being hospitalised after receiving out of date drugs. Though it is not conclusive that the drugs were the cause of their illness it cannot be removed from the equation.

### **For the Congregation**

- We 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, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Ramon Bultron, Bhim Maya Pun, Kathy Chan and Louis Lo. We remember those who are providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- We pray for members and friends who have travelled overseas for the holidays with all the new measures in place. May the Lord bring them back to Hong Kong safely and may they experience God’s grace in their re-entry and quarantine period.

## **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

We are **thankful** for:

- the ancient cultures and religions that have been sustained in this area for millennia
- those who continue to pursue peace in the midst of ethnic strife and terrorism
- the faithfulness of Muslims in expressing their faith and working with others
- Christians who practice their faith even when they are a small, often discriminated minority.

We **pray** for:

- women and others in these countries who are deprived of basic freedoms and human dignity
- those who misuse or exploit religious identity for extremist political ends
- the wise use of the benefits of oil and other natural resources for the sake of all
- the emergence of stable democratic societies based on the rule of law, social justice, and respect for religious and other freedoms.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship through Facebook live streaming today. It is good to have you together with us in this time of worship. Special welcome this morning to our preacher Deaconess Joy Prim.

### **More about our preacher for today**

Deaconess Joy Prim is a Deaconess in the United Methodist Church. Deaconess are laity who answer a life time calling to ministries of love, justice and service. She is duly serving as a United Methodist missionary with the Mission for Migrant Workers & Bethune House. Dss Prim is originally from North Carolina, USA but spend the last 9.5 years living in Los Angeles, CA. She first served here in Hong Kong as an intern MFMW from 2011-2013. After her internship she continued in ministry providing direct services to migrant workers, mainly from Philippines, and engaging advocacy to address issues of human rights in California and beyond. She was most recently serving in national leadership for International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines (ICHRP) US before answering God's call back to the mission field in August 2020 here in HK. In her free time, she loves to read books in English both fiction and non fiction. and swim.

### **Weekly Programs in Church.**

**All face to face activities are suspended in Church until 20 January due to the Government's expanded Covid-19 restrictions. Thank you for your understanding.**

### **Flowers in Worship**

You are welcome to donate the flowers for the worship services. The minimum amount for each week is \$100. There is a signup table on the main notice board if you would like to be responsible to purchase and arrange the flowers. Alternatively, donations may be given to Pastor Maggie Mathieson.

## Donation/Offering to the Church

If you wish to make a donation/offering to the church and support our ministries, you may send us a cheque payable to “Kowloon Union Church” and send it to 4 Jordan Road, KLN, or by direct deposit to our church account: HSBC Account 018-1-080268. Please mail/email the bank receipt to us for our records.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Appeal for the Survivors of Typhoon Odette (Rai)

A day after Christmas, super typhoon Odette (Rai) left many casualties on the lives and livelihood of many Filipinos living in Visayas and Mindanao. An appeal has been launched for help and assistance for the people in this area. Help can be given in kind, medicines, canned food, milk, diapers, and other necessities that will be packed and sent directly to the neediest areas or given in cash.

Please feel free to send your donation to the Church and we will be happy to pass it on to MFMW.

**For cash and cheque donations, please send to:**

**Please indicate on the transaction – For Typhoon Odette**

A/C Name: MFMW LIMITED

A/C No.: 848-047866-838

Bank: HSBC

### KUC Small Grants for 2022

The Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee, or MOE, invites the congregation to recommend or suggest organizations that the KUC can support this year through Small Grants. Please pass the details of your suggested organisation (name, website or social media link, email) to any of the MOE Committee members or church pastors. The deadline for receiving proposals is 28 February 2022.

### English Unity Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (online)

Date: 18 January 2022 (Tuesday); Time: 8:00 p.m.

Venue: Methodist International Church, 271 Queen's Road E, Wan Chai

Theme: “We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him.” (Mt. 2:2)

Methodist International Church has announced that they will have no face to face activities in the church during these two weeks. The worship service can be watched on **YouTube livestream link: <https://youtu.be/5btpRVvNYvM>**

	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 23 January</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Joy Prim	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist:	Cheryl Hui	Eric Sin
Lector:	Guy Syrett	Paul Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Tong Chong Sze	Joshua Lee
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai Bervinder Kaur	Chris Wong Bervinder Kaur

Collection from Christmas Eve: HK\$4,760-  
Collection from Christmas Day: HK\$5,591-