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Fifth Sunday in Lent
26 March 2023
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Be Still and Know"

– Composer: Anon

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** "Breathe on Me Breath of God" – Music: C.Lockhart; Lyrics: E. Hatch

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "Change Our Heart O God"

– Composer: Ed Espinosa

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** "Comfort, Comfort"

– Composer: R. Mann

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14 (O.T.)

John 11: 11 – 45 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** "We Lay Our Broken World"

– Music: K. Finlay; Lyrics: A. Briggs

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "Jesus Wept"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas"

– Music: Taizé Community

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** "Jesus Christ is Waiting"

– Music: Trad; Lyrics: John Bell

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- The United Nations General Secretary Antonio Guterres warned, "The future of humanity's "lifeblood" – water– is under threat worldwide. These words were shared at the opening of the first significant meeting on water resources in nearly half a century. Citing overconsumption and sustainability use, global warming and the destruction of ecosystems. These are but a few concerns raised for the global community to acknowledge and do something about. God created this world where we live, providing for our every need, yet we have failed to care for and protect it. Help us, Lord, as we seek ways to stop the process we see happening and restore your creation.
- Israel's parliament, the Knesset, has voted to allow Israeli citizens back into the sites of four settlements in the occupied West Bank which were evacuated at the time of the disengagement from Gaza in 2005. These settlements are built on private Palestinian land, and this move risks creating further tensions in the area between the two peoples. Let justice reign, the rightful owners of the land be recognised, and further bloodshed avoided.
- In the wake of Cyclone Freddy and its devastation, Malawi's people face yet more threats battling cholera in the country. For over a year before Freddy, the country faced its deadliest outbreak. The cyclone has triggered floods and mudslides, destroyed infrastructures and drains, contaminating the water and adding to the number of those without access to clean drinking water. Let us pray for the people of Malawi and all nations and people recovering after such natural disasters.
- Sri Lanka has received its first tranche of money in its bailout package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The IMF has pledged a \$2.9 billion deal to support the nation as it struggles to recover in every way. Let this help be a blessing. May it bring relief, stability and prosperity to the people and the land.
- A leaking oil tanker that sank three weeks ago in the pristine waters around Oriental Mindoro Province in the Philippines has been located nearly 400 metres underwater. Unfortunately, the waters, known for their rich marine life, are already heavily contaminated, endangering coral reefs, mangroves and other marine life. May those responsible for this take action quickly and with great care.
- A unionist lawmaker in Hong Kong says he's worried about a recent increase in deadly workplace accidents. Lam Chun-sing said he believed that some companies are making up for time lost during the pandemic by rushing work which causes accidents. He also called for changes to the system that would allow more time to

implement stricter penalties towards the company. Let us pray that efforts to strengthen the position of the working person can be upheld to the fullest.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia.

We are thankful for:

- the faithful witness of Christians here through the centuries, especially in times of occupation and persecution
- the peaceful resolution of disputes
- the distinctive cultural contributions and resources in these lands
- the religious freedom and ecumenical cooperation that is growing.

We pray for:

- greater respect for the Roma people and others who are marginalised and who lack adequate livelihoods in these lands
- welcoming and engaging those of other faiths and ethnicities
- growth in spiritual as well as physical health
- democratic governance that advances God's justice and peace for all.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Alex Melwani, Sunita Suna and Helen Lee's mothers, Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ana and Ramon Bultron, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Joy Babasa, Lilly Yuen and Jackie Tse. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. We thank Peter Youngblood for sharing the Word this morning.

This Week's Programs in Church

Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship will visit Franciscan House. See below.
Wednesday - Harambe at 6 pm
Friday - Bible Study – Online at 10:30 am; Junior Choir at 5:00 pm

Peacemaking Fellowship visit to Franciscan House

On Tuesday morning, we will visit Franciscan House in Kowloon Tong. Gathering time in Church is 9:30 am. There is a maximum number of 20. Please register at this link or click the QR code

<https://forms.gle/o5TFNZQCzncX2UQv9>



Dates For Your Diary

Group Study on Henri Nouwen's "Our Greatest Gift"

Date: 3 & 10 April 2023

Time: 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Venue: KUCSpace, Number 2 Jordan Road

No. of participants: maximum – 15

Inspired by the movie on Henri Nouwen, we will go deeper in learning from his teachings by reading his book "Our Greatest Gift: A Meditation On Dying and Caring".

It is a short reflection on dying and living well.

We will reflect on our attitudes towards death and the meaning of Jesus' death to us, hence exploring the meaning of living well in this life. Please scan the QR code for registration, and feel free to contact Katie Ho at 6299 7051 if you have any questions.



KUC will be 100 years old!

The theme of KUC's centenary is:

Grounded in God, Growing in Faith, Giving in Community

To mark this momentous event in our church's life, we will hold a series of activities, including publishing a centenary book that will present the many highlights and events that make up KUC, a thanksgiving service, celebration and banquet.

While all these events are scheduled for next year, we are already excited to hold several activities this year. The logo-design competition will be the first:

Logo-design Launch date: 19 March 2023 Submission Date: 30 April 2023

Entrants for the competition: The children of KUC

We encourage everyone to volunteer. We are all important parts of KUC. Please take a look at the main notice board, where you will find the list of the different activities and sign up for those that appeal to you.

If you want to know more about these activities, why not chat with one of the working group members? They are Rey Asis, Edwina Antonio, Ramon Bultron, Doris Lee or one of the ministers.

	TODAY 26 March	NEXT WEEK 2 April
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Peter Youngblood	
Pianist:	Yu Wing Yan	Eva Kwan
Lector:	Favor Mmaduabuchukwu Janet Onwufuju	Bright Mmaduabuchukwu Michael Adesina
Intercessory Prayers:	Ramon Bultron	Jenet Onwufuju
Family Talk:	Phyllis Wong	No Family Talk
Greeter:	Katie Ho David Onwufuju	Paul Wong Bright Mmaduabuchukwu Angeline Onwufuju
Offering Rota:	Daddy Journaliz Badon	Favour Mmaduabuchukwu David Onwufuju
Counting Rota	Chan Beng Seng Ramon Bultron	Jennifer Chan Ramon Bultron
Sunday School Leaders:	Gabi Baumgartner Mary Adesina	No Sunday School
I.T. Team:	Carl Catedral Bervinder Kaur	Jen Pang Bervinder Kaur
Freewill offering last week : HK\$6,857 - Promissory offering last week: HK\$5,800 - Organic Farm: HK\$250-		

