

Kowloon Union Church  
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**Palm Sunday**  
**2 April 2023**  
**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

(\* : Congregation Stands)

**APPROACH**

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **SONG OF PROCESSION** "Hosanna Hosanna" - Composer: Carl Tuttle

\* **HYMN** "Meekness and Majesty" -Composer: Graham Kendrick

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND** "Kyrie Eleison" - Traditional Orthodox

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

\* **HYMN** " You Are The King of Glory" - Composer: Mavis Ford

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Mathew 21: 1 – 11 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

**SERMON**

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - Revd. Julie Seymour

**THE OFFERTORY**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**ALL RESPOND** "Ubi Caritas" - Composer: Taize Community

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE PEACE

\* HYMN “Bread of Life from Heaven” – Composers: S.R Briehl, M  
Haugen

### INVITATION

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### SANCTUS

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### DISTRIBUTION

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

\* HYMN “The Servant King” – Composer: Graham Kendrick

### \* COMMISSION

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## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

- This Palm Sunday, several churches in Hong Kong have been refused permission by the police to conduct their Palm Sunday Processionals around the neighbourhood of the church. Pray that churches may find alternative ways to celebrate and commemorate the Lord's entry into Jerusalem.
- Outrage is growing in Mexico following a fire at a migrant detention centre claiming the lives of 38 migrants, with 28 others receiving treatment in hospital. It is alleged that security officers in charge of the centre failed to unlock the only escape exit, thus trapping those detained. We pray for the recovery of those injured and comfort for the families of those who have died in this incident.
- Countries in the European Union have approved a landmark law that will ensure all new cars sold from 2035 must have zero carbon emissions. Though late to start this move, we pray that this can make a difference.
- As the world moves forward in its attempt to use and promote clean energy use, let us remember the grassroots workers involved in the industries. For example, Cobalt – an essential commodity in producing electric cars – is mined in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Yet, as the mine owners grow more prosperous, there has been no improvement in the income or safety of the miners. A fair wage for work is called for all workers throughout the world, may it be so.
- A new report warns the world that rapidly melting Antarctic ice is causing a dramatic slowdown in deep ocean currents and could have a disastrous effect on the climate. The currents carry vital heat, oxygen, carbon and nutrients around the globe. The downward movement of cold, dense saltwater towards the seabed near Antarctica partly drives the ocean currents. However, seawater becomes less dense as the icecap melts and the downward movement slows. We have been warned for many years, and now the warnings are proven, let us not be so complacent but be active in doing what we can.

- Recently, our newspapers have been telling us of the great need for skilled and unskilled workers here in Hong Kong. As a result, several industries are suggesting bringing overseas workers to fill the tasks. Pressure is also on the government to consider training programmes for those in Hong Kong. Let us pray that those here in Hong Kong will be noticed and offered a means to be eligible for this work.

### **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

- We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in the Balkans – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia.

#### **We give thanks for:**

- the rich legacies that this area has long embodied
- those who kept both the people and their faith alive during years of repression
- those pursuing peace and reconciliation between the different ethnic and religious groups
- the resurgence of the ecumenical witness of churches in recent years.

#### **We pray for:**

- a continual healing of historic memories and pains that have been mutually inflicted
- those who continue to experience marginalization and injustice, especially the Roma
- religion to be a means of healing rather than of further separation and exploitation
- the nurturing and sustaining of pluralistic societies in the Balkans.

### **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** a warm welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming.

### **This Week's Programs in Church**

Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship 10:30 am, Number 2 Jordan Road  
Taize Worship – at 7:30 pm  
Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00pm  
Friday - Bible Study – Online at 10:30 am  
Good Friday Worship at 7:30 pm

### **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.

### Sunday Morning Study Group

The Christian Education Committee, under the guidance of John Mok-Lamme, will offer an opportunity for adults to deepen their faith through a Sunday morning bible study on the books of Galatians. The study will be inductive with lots of group discussion. All are welcome to join.

Facilitator: John Mok-Lamme

Starting date: Sunday, 16 April

Time of meeting: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Venue: Upper Fellowship Hall

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the church will be held on **Sunday, 7 May 2023**. If you are a member of KUC and can not attend the meeting, please submit your proxy form before the meeting date. Above all, please pray for that time of the meeting and all preparations beforehand.

### KUC will be 100 years old!

The theme of KUC’s centenary is:

### Grounded in God, Growing in Faith, Giving in Community

If you want to know more about what is being planned, 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.

	<b>TODAY 2 April</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK – Easter Sunday 9 April</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Celebrant:		Joram Calimutan
Preacher:		Maggie Mathieson
Pianist:	Eva Kwan	Lucy Lim
Lector:	Bright Mmaduabuchukwu Michael Adesina	Members from  OBIC  UCCP  KUC
Intercessory Prayers:	Written by, David, Angeline, Favour and Jenet Read by Jenet.	
Family Talk:	No Family Talk	
Greeter:	Paul Wong Bright Mmaduabuchukwu Angeline Onwufuju	
Offering Rota:	Favour Mmaduabuchukwu David Onwufuju	
Counting Rota	Jennifer Chan Ramon Bultron	Edwina Antonio Ramon Bultron
Sunday School Leaders:	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
I.T. Team:	Jen Pang Bervinder Kaur	Bervinder Kaur Venus Cheng
Freewill offering last week: HK\$2,654.20 - Promissory offering last week: HK\$2,300 -		

