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**Easter Sunday**  
**9 April 2023**  
**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

(\* : Congregation stands)

### **APPROACH**

**EASTER GREETING SONG** "Halle Halle-Halle-lujah"

– Trad: Folk music; Arr: T. MacArthur

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" – Music: S Arnold; Lyrics: Charles Wesley

**OPENING PRAYER**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

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

**HARAMBE CHOIR** "Nilipofika Goligotha"

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

John 20: 1 – 18 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

**EASTER DRAMA** – "Reclaiming Wilderness" - **OBIC**

**SERMON**

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**ALL RESPOND** "Ubi Caritas"

– Music: Taizé Community

## **OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE PEACE**

**UCCP CHOIR** “Sa Dulang Ng Ama”

**INVITATION**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**SANCTUS**

**INSTITUTION**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

\* **HYMN** “Because He Lives ”

- Bill and Gloria Gaither

\* **COMMISSION**

### **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

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

- We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania.

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

- the blending of Christian traditions and practices from the West and East
- the faithful witness of churches amid political changes
- those working for more democratic governance in these countries
- those who welcome newcomers and provide for them and others in need.

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

- better relationships among different ethnic groups and traditions
- respect for the rights of children, women, the young and the elderly so that they can receive an adequate education, jobs and health care
- economic developments that serve all people
- ending practices that harm the air, soil and forests and installing measures to protect the environment instead.

#### **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. Christ is Risen Indeed – Alleluia!

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

Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship 10:00 am, Number 2 Jordan Road

Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00 pm

## **Dates For Your Diary**

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

Date: 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 church's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, 7 May 2023**. If you are a member of KUC and cannot 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.

# An Easter Message

## from Revd. Phyllis Wong

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life". Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live". John 11:25

Easter is a joyful season for Christians to celebrate new life and hope as Jesus Christ rises from death. Jesus Christ overcomes death's power and says no to the evils of violence and injustice.

Resurrection is at the core of Christians who follow Jesus as disciples. Why? God's transforming power in Christ Jesus matters as He brings change and new possibilities to human beings living in a world full of constraints and limitations.

Resurrection is a conviction to trust that God, who is eternal and loving, can make new life possible.

Today...

Resurrection is revealed in our hearts – when we can bring love in the midst of hatred.

Resurrection is revealed on Earth – when we can bring light in the midst of darkness.

Finally, resurrection is revealed in our being – when we can live a life of hope and love with deep faith in Jesus Christ and endurance to act!

Christ is Risen Indeed – Alleluia!

	<b>TODAY</b> <b>9 April</b>
Liturgist/co- celebrant:	Phyllis Wong
Celebrant:	Joram Calimutan
Preacher/co - celebrant:	Maggie Mathieson
Co- celebrant:	Grace Bok
Pianist:	Lucy Lim
Lectors:	Analiza Divina, Peace and Aime Girimana
Intercessory Prayers:	Rey Asis, Jane Olod and Karen
Drama:	Hiu-nan, Jess, Monica, Shan and YoYo
Greeter:	Edwina Antonio, Mary and Michael Adesina
Offering Rota:	Susan Babasa, Jouranziz Badon
Counting Rota	Edwina Antonio, Ramon Bultron
Sunday School Leaders:	No Sunday School
I.T. Team:	Bervinder Kaur, Venus Cheng
Freewill offering last week: HK\$5,128.70 - Promissory offering last week: HK\$8,100 -	